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DR. J. WASH WATTS

Dr. J. Wash Watts, BBI, dean and professor of Old Testament Interpretation, will direct "Bible Study in Evangelism" at the three-day Evangelistic Conference, Columbus, Mississippi, in connection with the Hyman Appelmann Revival. Dr. Watts was formerly missionary to Palestine, and acted as president of Baptist Bible Institute during the time of a vacancy until the election of Dr. Duke K. McCall.

## Mississippi Baptists Called To Prayer

Editor Going to Washington to Seek Reversal of Rationing Order

The blow has fallen. Government authorities have ruled that The Baptist Record is a religious MAGAZINE. We contend that The Baptist Record is a weekly religious NEWSPAPER. If the government ruling stands and we are finally declared a magazine it means that we will be compelled to use less paper than we did in 1942.

BUT

Our circulation has grown very rapidly during '42 and '43.

THEREFORE

Unless we can get the decision changed and be classed as a religious newspaper and not a magazine, we will be allowed only enough paper to print eight pages weekly.

MY PART

I am leaving Sunday night, March 5, for Washington, D. C. My purpose is to go directly to the War Production Board and try to show them that we are a weekly religious newspaper and not a magazine. I am getting all possible facts ready to present to the proper authorities.

YOUR SHARE

Pray DAILY from now until you hear the decision. Pray that the judgment of those in authority will be just and fair. Pray that if it is right and will be for the glory of God that our paper allotment not be curtailed.

I believe that if even one-half of

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## THEE-DAY EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE At Columbus — March 6-8

D. A. McCall Presiding

We give below the program for the three-day Evangelistic Conference to be held in Columbus March 6-8 in connection with the Appelmann Revival of two weeks' duration.

We trust the pastors and laymen in this section of our state will not miss the great opportunities and values of such a conference. Every phase of this Convention will have valuable help for the servants of God.

Columbus

March 6-8, 1944

Monday

Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—  
J. R. Reedy.  
10:00—Gospel Message—  
Hyman Appelmann.  
11:15—Planning for Revival—Chester  
M. Savage.  
Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangel-  
ism—J. Wash Watts.

Evening Service

- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service.  
Gospel Message—  
Hyman Appelmann.  
Tuesday

Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—  
John Measells.  
10:00—Gospel Message—  
Hyman Appelmann.  
11:15—Message and Methods During  
Revival—John E. Barnes, Jr.  
Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangel-  
ism—J. Wash Watts.

Evening Service

- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service.  
Message—R. G. LeTourneau  
(35 minutes).  
Gospel Message—  
Hyman Appelmann.

Wednesday

Morning Service

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—  
R. C. Holcomb.  
10:00—Gospel Message—  
Hyman Appelmann.  
11:15—Conserving Results of Revival  
—Walter L. Johnson.  
Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—  
E. C. Edwards.  
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangel-  
ism—J. Wash Watts.

## SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT FAITH

J. D. FRANKS, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Church."—Editor.)



J. D. FRANKS

FAITH—What is it?

Faith is substance which supports.  
Faith is evidence which convinces.

Faith is a force to be employed. Faith is a channel which conveys. Faith is an attitude of mind toward God without which it is impossible to please Him. Faith is a body of religious truth, final and scientifically related, which must be contended for. Faith is the believer's justification and Christianity's salvation.

As substance, faith supplies the bases of hope upon which the Christian stands. It apprehends spiritual truth; analyzes it; builds it into an orderly, well-laid foundation, and trustfully rests its case upon it, without doubts or misgivings. Such substance Jesus had in mind when He said: "Upon this rock I will build my church." Paul was standing securely upon the substance of faith when he declared: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Christ was Paul's by faith, and his Christology, as well as

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## Our Southern Baptist Hospital and War Conditions

Those who work in our Southern Baptist Hospital are facing the same difficulties that are faced by people in all walks of life. Materials that are greatly needed are difficult to get. The number of our internes is cut down by government regulations. Many of our nurses have gone into government service. But the number of patients is increasing.

Our effort to secure essential equipment is retarded, obstructed, and almost halted by government clerks. We must confess that we regard a Christian hospital as an essential, and from our standpoint a beer parlor is non-essential. Apparently this is not the attitude of some of the government clerks.

The rush of war wives into the territory of New Orleans has brought additional burdens to the hospitals of that city. Thousands of these women are expectant mothers and nothing could be more comforting to the husbands than the assurance that the mother and child would be well taken care of in a hospital. Because of the large increase in the number of maternity patients coming to our hospital, many of whom were wives of army and navy men, it was found necessary to add to our refrigeration equipment for the preservation of infant food formulas. Some time ago we found a twelve foot refrigerator in a stock room in New Orleans. On April 23, 1943, our hospital made a request for a priority upon which to purchase it. In the application it was stated definitely that the refrigerator was in New Orleans ready for delivery. After more than two months, we were advised by an official of the War Production Board that the manufacture of domestic refrigerators had been discontinued. We again advised the department that the refrigerator that we desired was already built and was in New Orleans ready to be delivered upon approval of our application. In September, 1943, we again were advised that the manufacture of domestic refrigerators had been stopped. We applied again with no result. We telegraphed and received telegraphic advice as before. After efforts through Louisiana senators, we found ourselves still unable to get priority.

We then found the situation so acute as to make it necessary to notify the commandant of the Eighth Naval District that we could no longer care for the wives of navy men because of the lack of proper refrigerator equipment. The admiral's adjutant called at once on our hospital superintendent and got the data relative to our seven months' efforts. He got in touch with the authorities in Washington. It was found that the very refrigerator we had been trying

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## Sparks & Splinters

West Laurel Baptist Church is inviting Hyman Appelman back for a meeting in this church in 1946 for two weeks.—Gerald Riddell, pastor.

The Cartersville church in Forrest county has called Garland McInnis as pastor, and he and Mrs. McInnis began full time work the middle of February. The new pastor was assistant pastor at River avenue church in Hattiesburg for 16 months. He succeeds Lloyd Shelton, who recently accepted the pastorate at Crowder.

On Wednesday night, February 16, 1311 persons attended the mid-week service at Latonia Baptist Church in Covington, Ky. This church has averaged well over 500 in prayer meeting for two years. John E. Huss is pastor.

Mantee: Jan. 1, 1944, we adopted a budget 250% above any we had ever attempted. For the first seven weeks this year we have more than met this figure in addition to some special offerings.

Major Lester E. Nicholson, U. S. Army chaplain and former Mississippi pastor, makes the following report for January. Preaching services conducted, 24, with a total attendance of 2301. There were six professions of faith.

"Seed Thoughts" is just what its name implies. It contains outlines of sermons, sermon illustrations, points for preachers, seed for sowers, truth for teachers and supplies for soul winners. W. G. Heslop, D. D., is the author. It is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The price is \$1.00.

GRAYSPORT: In addition to our regular \$5 per month contribution to the Cooperative Program, our Sunday school gave \$21 to Home Missions and \$20 to the Orphanage. Our church gave \$100 to the Blue Mountain Endowment Fund. We are also filling Russian Kits. Recently we had a letter from someone in Africa acknowledging receipt of a scrap book which was prepared and sent by some of our children more than a year ago.

The new year has started off suspiciously for the Sumner and Webb churches. Although the attendance has been cut somewhat on account of bad weather, finances have held up unusually well and interest is good. A handsome new communion table has recently been purchased and installed in the Webb church and is a fine addition to the pulpit set. A building committee has been appointed by the Sumner church to look after needed improvements that will make the church more attractive and serviceable. The ladies of the W. M. S. are busy getting the supplies together for the "Kits for Russia" which they have ordered. Both churches are looking forward with special interest to the evangelistic services and Bible conference at Clarksdale in April.—J. H. Pennebaker.

To date we have baptized 50 as a result of the Appelman meeting at Laurel. There are 18 more awaiting baptism, and the meeting continues to be a blessing.—Gerald Riddell, pastor, West Laurel church.

During 1943 Ouachita College, Baptist institution of Arkansas, broke all known records for training ministerial students. The school enrolled 156 of them, or one for every 1,000 Baptists in the state.

After having Chester Swor with me in a revival and hearing him on The Baptist Hour a few Sundays ago I have decided that we have no greater layman than he. His message on "Broken Vessels" is a masterpiece. Every message delivered during our revival was a ringing challenge and a sublime inspiration. He stirs the older people as well as the young people. I wish he could be heard in every nook and corner of our state. His messages revolutionize the people's thinking and just that is needed today more than anything else.—Chas. C. Jones, Mendenhall.

Pastor Norman W. Cox of Meridian preached in a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula and Pastor L. E. Green, February 6-11. There were 47 additions to the church, more than half of whom were by baptism. In commenting Dr. Cox says, "Pastors Green and Brantley are doing a monumental work in Pascagoula. The Lord is richly blessing their labors and they are receiving wonderful support from the people."

J. L. Courson, who has been living at Taylor, has resigned Yellow Leaf church in Lafayette county and accepted a call to Clear Creek and Shiloh churches in the same county. He is now living at Toccoola.

Second Avenue, Laurel: Though it rained and rained Sunday (February 20) we had 269 in Sunday school, 82 in Training Union, and received five new members. An epidemic of measles will soon be over and attendance will be back nearer where it should be.—B. B. Hilbun.

The Book: General MacArthur, laying a hand on the Bible, told a Queensland official of the Commonwealth Council of the British and Foreign Bible Society: "However tired I may be, I never go to bed without reading a portion of this Book."—Chapel Chimes.

A Winston-Salem newspaper reports that in the recent examinations given by the State Medical Board for new doctors, graduates of Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College received three out of four of the highest marks. (This is the Baptist College of North Carolina.—Editor.)

A recent addition to the Sales and Advertising force of the Baptist Sunday School Board is Miss Virginia Womack, who now will be doing general office work and assisting Mrs. Agnes Ford, office secretary. A native of Hohenlinden, Mississippi, Miss Womack holds a Liberal Arts diploma from Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi. While in Wood she was a member of the Glee Club, Y. W. C. A., and Baptist Student Union.

From Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, we learn that during the month of January, Mississippi contributed \$7,508.96 to the Cooperative Program; \$22,083.13 Designated; \$390.70 to the Hundred Thousand Club; and a total of \$29,982.79. Southwide total for the month was \$550,101.81, a gain over 1943 to date of \$32,588.51.

The First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, recently celebrated the beginning of the tenth year of the pastorate of Dr. S. G. Posey. Dr. Posey's father, Dr. L. D. Posey, is pastor at Long Beach, Miss. In connection with the anniversary an attractive eight-page bulletin was published.

The work at Sharon church near Gulfport is going along in a fine way. Their Bible study classes on Sunday morning are growing according to Pastor J. M. Edwards, who rejoices in the progress made. This is one of the EVERY FAMILY churches.

Major Lester E. Nicholson, former Mississippi pastor and now base chaplain, somewhere, recently led in an "old fashioned revival" service at his station. There were 45 rededications during the week and several since then. Charles Bond, formerly of Howard Payne College and the First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas, assisted with the song services.

To the members of New Bethel Church, Itawamba County Association: You have heard from my lips many times about The Baptist Record. Now you have a chance to see for yourselves. I am sure you will say as one of old, "the half has never been told." You will read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit. I come to you once per month. The Record will come every week. I could have no better assistant among you. Blessings on you and the Record. Your pastor, W. T. Darling.

Rev. D. L. Hill, former pastor at Holly Springs and now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Somerset, Kentucky, in sending in his renewal for the Record writes that he is very much interested in the work in Mississippi. From the treasurer's report we note that the offering for the past year was \$24,727.98. Of this amount \$13,173.30 was given to missions.

Seventy out of eighty-three enrolled in the officers and teachers study course at West Laurel church completed the book, Church Using the Sunday School, by Barnett. Two more study courses have been planned for next month.—Gerald Riddell.

Pastor H. Grady Wilkes is already organizing his Yazoo county field of churches for their summer revivals. Group meetings of the men and of the women are being held. Rev. Wilkes is organizing the men, Mrs. Wilkes the women, and Miss Lenita Ward the young people. A study course book will be taught in each church the week before the revival.

"Christian Girls' Problems" by Bertrand Williams is filled with valuable suggestions and sane advice. The book is designed to develop such a religious faith as will stand the test at home, at school, at work and in social activities. It sparkles with good advice. It sells for 75 cents and is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Western Recorder of Kentucky on account of the recent paper limitation order of the War Production Board, will come out every two weeks instead of every week pending negotiations as to its quota of paper stock. The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma has gone to eight pages for some of its issues. The order which limits the amount of paper to be used this year to that used in 1942 will work a hardship on most of our Baptist papers because their circulation has greatly increased since that time.—Word and Way.

Mrs. W. D. Clement of Jackson in writing about her subscription says, "I am glad to say that I have been a reader of The Baptist Record for years and think it is essential to an informed Christian's life."

Bishops of the Methodist church are concerned over the continued decline in their Sunday schools for the past 20 years. They have recently issued this statement: "We must be realistic enough to recognize that this retreat will yield only to a determined and persistent forward movement. What we are defending is not an unimportant outpost but the very citadel of our life as a church. For three generations increasing majorities of our recruits for church membership have come through the church school." The question naturally arises: is there any connection between this decline and the large emphasis which has been placed by our Methodist brethren during the last few years upon organic union of all Methodist bodies in the United States?—Word and Way.

From The Christian Index we learn that Dr. John W. Faulkner of West Point, Georgia, has been called to the Wadley church in the same city. Mississippians will remember him as pastor at Leland.

Faith for Men in Arms by Julian C. McPheeters and published by the Pentecostal Publishing Company, of Louisville, Kentucky, is a small booklet of 86 pages intended for men in the armed service. Chapter subjects are: The Raven and the Sea-Swallow; Alvin C. York, Christian Patriot and Soldier; No Atheists in Fox Holes; Remember Pearl Harbor; Liberty or Death; Jesus and the Soldier; The Bible at the Battle Fronts; Is God in the War? and Bastions of Faith in War. The price is twenty-five cents.

We received Sunday school reports from the following churches: Brookhaven; Hardy; Bethlehem, Jones; Bogue Chitto, Pike; Second Avenue, Laurel; Raymond, Franklin; Enon, Panola; Adaton, Oktibbeha county. All of these cards were mailed on Monday, February 21, and should have reached us Tuesday morning in time for last week's issue of the Record. They did not reach us until Wednesday morning. We urge all of these to continue to send us their attendance figures. Sometimes they are delayed but we will receive them most of the time.

Shuqualak: The work at Shuqualak is taking on new interest and life. The pastor appointed a committee of four last Wednesday night after prayer meeting to raise money for purchasing a piano for the prayer room of the church. This committee placed that money in the pastor's hand Friday afternoon of that week and the piano was installed by noon Saturday. The Sunday school is building, church attendance is growing and sickness over the community is clearing away. The church has given to all causes \$1700.00 in the first five months of this church year. About \$400.00 has gone to outside causes. The people and pastor are happy, and are planning for study courses, D. V. B. S., and perhaps a spring and summer revival meeting.—Earl C. Edwards, pastor.

Uncle: "I'm sorry you are not enthusiastic about your gift, especially as you had your choice between a large check and a small one."  
Nephew: "Yes, uncle, but I didn't think you were talking about neckties."

Did you hear about the moron who went to a football game because he thought a quarterback was a refund?



Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—  
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"  
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

The Soul Winning Revival with Hyman Appelman preaching, moves to Columbus, starting next Monday in First Baptist Church. Services will be at 10:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., each day.

The people of East Central Mississippi should get into this two weeks' campaign. We are looking for all the pastors of East Central Mississippi to attend the three-day Evangelistic Conference, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and as many services as they find possible during the two weeks.

### I

We were prevented from attending the meeting of state secretaries by a cold with threatening flu. It also prevented our attendance upon the full session of the Editors' and Business Managers' meeting. Good reports come from both meets.

Pastor J. D. Walker and a fine group of men greeted us at a supper affair in Calhoun City. We were glad to talk over the King's Business with them. The work goes well there.

Preaching at Clinton in both services, we saw two good congregations welcome three new members.

A great preparation service for the Jackson revival was held at First church, Jackson. Pastors Bowen, Hewitt, Metts, Johnston, Cooper and a great host of workers were present.

### II

For years we thought "repentance" was an initial act and attitude accompanying "faith" at the time of regeneration, John 3. Our eyes opened a bit wider when we saw in Revelation, chapters 2-3, that one New Testament church after another was charged to "REPENT." Another amazing thing is the fact that these churches of Revelation 2-3 are not told to repent of things which one hears so much about today. Certainly, these trivialities are wrong and need to be left behind, but with all our heart we believe some of the things paralyzing us as a people hurt much more.

Mississippi Baptists need to repent of passionless spirits concerning the lost. We are no longer a people of soul-winners. In the last twenty-five years, how many persons do you remember crying out in conventions over the lost about us? Get down your Baptist Records and for twenty-five years, alas, you will find few pages carrying a wooing winning note for lost souls. God Almighty can still give revivals. Jesus still saves the HARDEST sinner. Most Mississippi Baptists do not dance, do not drink liquor (we have no defense for these), but most Mississippi Baptists do fall Jesus at this vital point of compassion for the lost. It is easier to thunder against the sins that do not bother us. Strong drink never tempted us. Yet, we know its ravaging effect upon others. We know what the Bible says against it. One of our best messages is upon it. One of our best tracts is against it.

When we talk about it we refer to no temptation for self. Not so when we talk about the passionless life. What one of us does not fail here! We write about it! Why not DO something about it? We talk about it! Why not DO something about it!

Mississippi Baptists need to repent of the un-Christian attitude that has been seen too often in some churches and conventions. We refer to the un-Christlike spirit of insinuations, "personal" feelings, etc. Jesus experienced the brunt of that spirit—"Many bulls have compassed me,"—"for dogs have compassed me."—Psa. 22:12, 16. It is the animal spirit! Years ago we witnessed a few wrestling matches. The wrestlers were "tame" towards each other compared with some things that we have seen in churches and conventions—and—in His Blessed Name!

Mississippi Baptists need to repent of their worshipless lives. Over half of them never go to church—except when they are buried! Many of us who do go, do not go for worship. This is not a side issue! It is at the HEART of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Almost any church could and would make over its pastor if ALL the members attended worship services regularly.

Mississippi Baptists need to repent of robbing God. Mal. 3. We take God's money and spend it upon self. We need to repent! Study Revelation 2-3. Other things might be added. You will do that.

### III

Evangelist Hyman Appelman's pastor certainly believes in him. That is splendid recommendation for him. We give below three paragraphs from a personal letter from Dr. C. E. Matthews, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, addressed to Rev. and Mrs. Hyman Appelman, McComb, Mississippi. We quote it as follows: "I do not know where you are at present, but I am sure you have finished at Laurel. This letter is to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your sacrificial spirit toward the work of your church and the best I know how I pray for you that God will continue to bless you together in His work.

"I do not know why, Hyman, but I love you more very day, and it is not because you send money home. I think it must be because I feel that you try harder to win the lost than any man I know.

"I hope you are well and that the Holy Spirit has complete possession of you both. Verna, I think you are doing wonders with the young people."

Mrs. Hyman Appelman wrote enthusiastically about the prayer service for young people at Laurel, stating that their average attendance was 150 each night. She praised very highly in this connection the services of Miss Jimmie Todd, social secretary at First church, Laurel, and Miss Elizabeth Finch, B. S. U. secretary, Ellisville. We look forward to reports from each of

the other meetings.

We are delighted, along with others, that the McComb revival ended with the shout of Victory! Doxology! Pastors Hunter, Bookter, Jones, Gill, Porter and others nearby are some of our finest. They were in the meeting throughout. Committees did their work in excellent manner. We need such a meeting in every association within our state. Why not plan for one in yours for 1945?

### IV

Our opportunity in service that must be realized now if at all is that of work among the Service Men. Mississippi Baptists, through their State Mission Program, are making an earnest effort to be of help. One of our workers gives us these interesting incidents:

"On Saturday afternoon I said to a soldier, 'Come back to the party tonight.' He said, 'I can't for I have a date with a girl and I have promised to take her to the dance.' I talked to him for a while, gradually bringing in God's claims. By and by he said, 'When I meet the girl tonight, I'll ask her to come to the party.' At 8 p. m. he came in with four of his friends he had met uptown and brought them to the party, and disappeared again. Later on he came in alone and said, 'She had a headache, so here I am.' He was all smiles. I found him a place to stay Saturday night. He attended all the services on Sunday, and I feel we shall win him for Christ.

"Three very worldly looking soldiers came into the Center, walked around and were about to leave. I said, 'Going so soon?' They laughed. I said, 'Boys, we don't have a dance or anything else that would harm you, only everything that is fine and lovely. We want you to go back to your loved ones better men than when you left them.' Imagine my delight when they came back later and said, 'We are going to church,' and grinned.

"On Sunday afternoon the Center was filled and Dr. Pickens did well. We closed the forum with a prayer for the men.

"I am beginning to feel that while we like the crowds, the real work of this Center is personal work."

Some of our churches are rendering excellent service to our young men in the service of our country. It is an opportunity none of us should miss. It is now or never in many cases. As a young man writes for his church letter, he expresses deep appreciation to the pastor and membership of First Baptist Church, Grenada, as follows: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: It is with regret that I make this request of you. You will never be able to realize until that day when everything will be made clearer to us all, just what being with you and worshipping with you has meant to me. It has been a great personal pleasure and spiritual blessing to me to be able to take part in the little way that I have in your services. When I say that in all my military experience I have never found a church that has opened its doors and its heart so unreservedly to the Service Men as the First Baptist Church of Grenada, Mississippi, I speak truthfully from the bottom of my heart. As I go forth to fight for the church and the country I love, my heartfelt prayer is that I might once more worship with you before called Home. And that God will bless your every effort in His work.—Cpl. Leonard D. Baird."

Elliott Baptist Church, Grenada county, had its building and grounds taken over in the Camp McCain project. A check for over \$1,600, the price of the sale, has been sent to this office for the work of the Lord Jesus—the preaching of the Gospel at home and around the world. This is a very worthy example.

We are particularly interested in this transaction because we had the privilege of organizing this church and having many other delightful experiences in connection with our ministry there.

Re: Association Missionary Appropriations—We do not pay out State Mission appropriations to individuals or associations except upon the receipt at this office of written reports from the missionary. This is the only way we can keep in touch with the work and the worker. It also gives this office a complete picture of work done through State Missions. We also need to understand clearly to whom the check is to be sent, i.e., the missionary or a treasurer. We solicit your help in these things!

### V

"Thou hast set my feet in a large room."—Psa. 31:8.

Many of us spend our time complaining because of our limitations. We feel if we were somewhere else we could do so much better. So far as I recall, David, the writer of the above words, was never out of Palestine, a country smaller than Mississippi. At times he was a hunted outlaw, despised by a king. Yet, here is his glad refrain, "Thou hast set my feet in a large room."

What most of us need is the spirit of magnanimity to match the large opportunities before us. That word "magnanimous" arrests our attention. It is from "magnus," meaning "great," and "animus" meaning "mind." It means to be great-minded, great-hearted, great-of-soul, noble, not to be selfish.

Every Christian whether preacher or layman, man or woman, young or old, needs that greatness of spirit. Few things so belittle Christ in the thinking of outsiders as to see littleness, cheapness of spirit, carping criticism in a so-called Christian. A Christian should have every finer trait of a gentleman or a gentlewoman. That challenges all of us and condemns most of us.

A preacher friend asked us, "What do you mean when you say 'Business is good'?" That is a good question. How is this for an answer?

"Plenty of plans in soul-winning work, meetings developing, money for

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### I RODE IN A PICK-UP

And, riding in a pick-up, I met  
a friend I am glad to know.

It happened when I reached a  
certain Mississippi town on a hot  
August day, en route to preach in  
an inland county. The bus sched-  
ule had changed, and it left the  
preacher stranded. As I was  
about to make up my mind to try  
the modern art of "hitch-hiking"  
to this church, a conversation be-  
tween people standing at my el-  
bow revealed they had just driven  
in from that section and were go-  
ing back to where I had to go.  
Asking apologetically about going  
with them, they assured the  
preacher if he did not mind riding  
in a pick-up truck, they would be  
glad to take him. As they drove  
along, the driver, a youth who  
was facing the draft, sought help  
for a troubled heart as he thought  
of God's teaching, "Thou shalt not  
kill."

After I returned, I sent the fam-  
ily a book, and corresponded with  
them. A letter to the family gave  
an insight as to this young chap's  
caliber. He was worrying about  
the lack of rain on the place at  
home, lest the crops be ruined.  
He had spent some of his money  
for a nice wrench that would "be  
good around the place," and de-  
scribed in detail how to use it . . .  
saying he had meant to bring it,  
but had his furlough cancelled  
. . . and was mailing it, so they  
could use it now. He thanked  
them for the education they had  
given him, and believed that was  
one reason he had been able to  
help do some things for his com-  
manding officer. He spoke of  
sending money home on his pay  
day, though "it was a long way to  
the place to get money orders." He  
told the home folks how glad he  
was they had reared him to be-  
lieve in right things, and spoke of  
the day he would be coming home.

Riding in a pick-up I met a

youngster, the like of which made  
his mother say in her letter,  
"Thank God for such a boy." I  
say so, too.

—BR—

### IS ROME BETTER?

London—(AP)—Pope Pius XII  
has appealed to the belligerents to  
save Rome from destruction by  
an agreement similar to those  
which spared Cairo and Athens,  
according to the Vatican radio.

We do not recall that Pope Pius  
XII made any such appeal when  
Franco's crowd was bombing  
Madrid, nor do we remember that  
he asked that London or any of  
its historic buildings and monu-  
ments be not bombed. And we  
believe that Mussolini's legions  
were blessed as they went forth  
to bomb and gas the Ethiopians  
and their cities. "O! consistency,  
thou art a virtue."

—BR—

### WHAT IS HOME MISSIONS?

The first week of March the  
women all over the South among  
Southern Baptists are having their  
Season of Prayer for Home Mis-  
sions. Sometimes confusion arises  
as to what we mean when we say  
"Home Missions."

Missions in the homeland—mis-  
sions in the southland, Cuba and  
the Canal Zone—that is what we  
mean by "Home Missions."

When we speak of missions in  
our own vicinity, we refer to State  
Missions. It will help people un-  
derstand the scope of the thing  
when we remember that Home  
Missions means that effort which  
covers the homeland—to us, the  
south. The offering taken goes  
to that particular work, and all  
gifts should be sent through the  
State Office, that accurate records  
may be kept to challenge Missis-  
sippians to share the gospel with  
the southland.

—BR—

### "REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY"

Despite prospects of a short  
crop, cotton ginnings in most mid-  
south counties are running well  
ahead of last year. The U. S.  
employment service had distrib-  
uted thousands of handbills call-  
ing on Negro school children to  
pick cotton on Saturdays and  
pointing out that Negro pastors  
could "fight the devil and Hitler  
at the same time" by holding  
their Sunday services at 6 a. m.,  
and then leading their congrega-  
tions to the fields to help save the  
cotton crop. It was stated that  
sacks and transportation to and  
from Memphis would be furn-  
ished. G. A. Long, minister of  
Beale Street First Baptist Church,  
asked his congregation to ignore

the request. He also published a  
letter in the Press-Scimitar say-  
ing: "I shall preach against this  
request with all my power. I  
shall urge my people to pick on  
six days but not on Sunday. I am  
for cooperation but not at any  
price. The Bluff City Interde-  
nominational Ministers' Alliance  
(Negro) has come out in support  
of this position and several white  
citizens have written letters to the  
papers agreeing with Long's  
stand. The result has been that  
not more than 100 pickers have  
gone out on any Sunday. A few  
days after the government's re-  
quest was made, a white Memphis  
merchant bought \$10,000 worth  
of war bonds in honor of a Mem-  
phis Negro, Matthew Thornton,  
"Mayor of Beale Street."

We congratulate Rev. G. A.  
Long, pastor of the Beale Street  
First Baptist Church, for asking  
his congregation to ignore the re-  
quest for Sunday cotton picking.  
Sunday has been largely forgotten  
in a land which is more greatly  
blessed of God than any other land  
on earth. There are some things  
that are necessary on Sunday, but  
cotton picking is not one of them.  
And many other things could be  
named.

—BR—

### T. R. MITCHELL

Thomas Reginald Mitchell, C.M.M.,  
28, died January 21, 1944, at Treasure  
Island, California. He had been ill two  
months in a Naval Hospital. He had  
been in the Navy six years and had  
been in several battles. He leaves a  
father, step-mother, two half brothers,  
a grandmother, several aunts and  
uncles and other relatives. He was a  
member of New Life Baptist Church  
and loved his church and pastor. He  
spent several weeks on leave at home  
last summer and while here attended  
the meeting at his church conducted by  
Rev. O. B. Beverly of Flora, his former  
pastor.

Burial was in the family cemetery  
January 30. Funeral services were con-  
ducted by Rev. J. T. Toler of Charleston  
Baptist Church.—His Aunt.

—BR—

It is a strange thing! How people  
request the prayers of their church  
for their loved ones, but never attend  
prayer meeting and join the brethren  
in prayer for their hearts' interests.  
We go to the Throne of Grace each  
week for our sick friends, and for  
people in special need of prayer; and,  
the families of these for whom we  
pray never send a member of the  
family to join in the prayers! Alas,  
alas!—Holly Springs Bulletin.

The many friends of Pastor and  
Mrs. C. W. Thompson of Aberdeen  
will sympathize with them in the  
death of Mrs. Thompson's father, W.  
L. Turner, of Summit, who was buried  
on Sunday, February 20.

In the first two of the Mississippi  
Baptist Convention sponsored re-  
vivals, conducted by Evangelist Hy-  
man Appelman, there were, to  
Christ's greater glory, 891 actual con-  
versions and additions in Laurel,  
Jones county—and 568 conversions  
and additions in McComb, Pike  
county.

### HEALING HUMANITY'S HURT By Frank M. Purser

At the January meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Southern  
Baptist Hospital, the report of the  
superintendent showed that 1943 was  
a successful year, as the figures in-  
dicate.

Patients admitted were 19,920, who  
had 134,791 days of service. Nine  
hundred and fifty-one persons were  
given 15,166 days of free service at a  
cost of \$90,996.84 to the hospital.  
There were 2,326 births, and 4,417  
emergency room cases that were not  
hospitalized. All of the remaining  
capital debt—\$149,000—was paid. The  
Cooperative Program contributed  
\$49,311.91 and \$18,944.92 came from  
the 100,000 club. The total income  
from operation and gifts was \$1,-  
188,823.42; all expenses were paid and  
the year was closed with a cash bal-  
ance in the bank. The hospital re-  
ceived nothing from the New Orleans  
Community Chest nor from any gov-  
ernmental agency, federal, state or  
city.

The foregoing paragraph recites a  
good story in the hospital's history.  
Begun without a dollar of capital,  
and in the face of no little opposition  
from men who were prominent and  
influential in the denomination, nur-  
tured through the worst economic  
depression in the country's history,  
this hospital has come into a place  
of prominence among such institu-  
tions, is fully paid for and has ac-  
cumulated a substantial surplus for  
security against a "rainy day."

One-third of the patients last year  
were Roman Catholics. One-fourth  
of all said they had no religious af-  
filiation at all. This means the hos-  
pital is reaching the very people our  
missionary work in that section tries  
to reach. And the hospital has es-  
tablished the Baptist name in New  
Orleans and all that section in a  
substantial manner.

The hospital cared for 35 mission-  
aries of the Foreign Board, 14 of the  
Home Board, 24 girls from the Baptist  
Emergency Home, and many state  
workers, pastors and others as guests  
of the Hospital. "This was our con-  
tribution to missions," said the report.

Students in the Mather School of  
Nursing come from 18 states. The  
school has no trouble in getting stu-  
dents, though it is not in the govern-  
ment cadet nurse plan. The hospital  
steadfastly has declined to accept any  
appropriation from the government  
for any purpose. Arrangements have  
been made with Tulane University  
whereby students who desire to do so  
may obtain a B. S. degree from the  
University by taking some studies  
additional to those in the regular  
hospital classes. Full credit is given  
for all work done in the School of  
Nursing.

Miss Bonnie Jean Ray serves as  
hospital missionary, and is doing a  
fine work among patients and  
visitors.

The report indicates that the hos-  
pital has a firm hold upon the affec-  
tions of the people of the denomina-  
tion, and is an institution of which  
to be proud.

—BR—

The Lottie Moon offering at Bris-  
tow, Oklahoma, P. D. Bragg, pastor,  
amounted to \$245. Mississippians will  
remember Brother Bragg as pastor at  
Carthage.



## Some Great Bible Doctrines

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his systems of other religious truth, was wrought out of the findings of his faith.

Christians are promulgators and promoters of religious truth. Their task is to convince unbelievers and to win them over to the side of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Their problem is that of dislodging error, of uprooting untruth, and of eradicating the ignorance, and the moral malformations, and the spiritual corruption that is found in the life, the thinking, and the character of those who are held in the bondage of sin.

Evidence is required to convince those whom we would convert. Promoters of Christian truth must be prepared to supply the evidence of Christian faith which benighted souls demand. The final test of the integrity of the Christian's claims, the showdown before the world of the reality of the Christian's religion, is the incontestible argument and undeniable evidence of Christian fruit as seen in the life and behavior of the professed Christian. The proof of the genuineness of one's profession

is the possession of what one professes. James said: "Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." Jesus said: "Believe me for the very works' sake."

Much more than a doctrine to be accepted and believed, faith is a force to be employed. When the disciples marvelled at the withered fig tree which had wilted and died under the blighting curse of Jesus, Jesus rebuked their failure to understand the nature of faith, that faith in God means that divine energy is released to create or to destroy. His rebuke was simple and full of meaning: "Have faith in God." Then He proceeded to amplify that simple statement by saying: "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, Whatsoever things ye desire when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have

them." Faith releases a divine force which is universally applicable and equally operative, in realms spiritual as well as realms material, for the accomplishment of the will of God through the will of man. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Faith harnesses God's power for man service.

As a channel, faith conveys to man the redeeming, purifying, and empowering grace of God. "We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God," says the Apostle Paul. In his letter to the Ephesians he says: "By grace are ye saved, through faith." Faith is the conveying medium through which God's saving power flows out to lost men. To change the figure, faith is the velvet chain that binds the repentant heart of man to the forgiving heart of Christ. Returning from his second missionary journey, Paul reported to the elders of the church at Ephesus that he had preached "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," as the condition of salvation. Faith seals and makes valid repentance and gives to the repenting sinner God's remission of his sins.

At any cost to man, God must be pleased. It is He whom man has offended. "Against Thee, and Thee only, have I sinned," said David. It is God's mercy which man must have, if he is to enjoy again God's favor. Without faith in the existence and the beneficent reality and goodness of God in His dealings with man, it is not possible to please Him. "For he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Not to have such faith, in the light of all the evidence supporting it, is to call God a liar and to deny the integrity of our own being. Man lost his first paradise and his initial good standing with his Creator-God through his lack of faith in Him, which resulted in his disobedience. If he would regain that standing and that lost blessed estate, he must have faith in his Re-creator-God, Christ the Savior.

The great system of divine truth—the truth about God and His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ, His Son, as revealed in His word, is "the FAITH once for all delivered to the saints." It is the final statement of religious absolutes for which Christians must ever contend. There is to be no compromise or equivocation, no alteration or adulteration, no doubtful proclamation of that divinely-given body of basic religious facts which constitutes the foundation of the church's mission on earth and the individual Christian's eternal hope; but, on the contrary, there must be a faithful proclamation of those facts.

Finally, the faith that accepts that truth, rests upon it, acts upon it, demonstrates it in life and character, employs it in the accomplishment of the humanly impossible things which God has commanded, promulgates it through the ordained means of teaching, preaching, and otherwise giving witness to all the things which He has commanded, IS THE FAITH THAT JUSTIFIES THE CHRISTIAN, vitally connecting with Christ, THE FAITH THAT SAVES CHRISTIANITY.

## OUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND WAR CONDITIONS

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to procure had that very day been allotted to a beer parlor in a Louisiana city. Furthermore, it was found that the priority had been issued to the beer parlor just two weeks after its request for a priority had been made. A hospital, trying to care for the sick wives of men in service, after seven months' diligent effort, was denied a priority, but a beer parlor got one in two weeks.

P. S. The admiral got our application approved and we got the refrigerator.

Where are we headed?

—BR—

## FROM THE COLUMBUS COMMERCIAL-DISPATCH

There's a law on the statute books of Mississippi which permits the Department of Public Welfare, Child Welfare Division, a department supplemented by federal funds and federal standards, to interfere with or dominate, and virtually control private orphanages conducted by religious and fraternal organizations. It is nothing but regimentation of the rankest sort.

Neither the state nor federal government puts one red cent into the cost of operating these institutions.

Yet, the Child Welfare Division, controlled and dominated by Washington, attempts to tell these institutions how they shall operate. They go into the minutest details, such as where to hang dish rags, where to put the brooms and a lot of other silly so-called "minimum standards" set up by some long-haired crack-pot in Washington. They even attempt to dictate conditions of organization, governing board, staff, finance, plant and equipment, number of children to be handled and care of the children.

All of which is an unwarranted invasion of private rights, especially of institutions and organizations rendering a purely humanitarian service. Of course, the public wards should be protected against racketeers in the field of child welfare, but this can be done by statute without unwarranted invasion of and dictatorial control of reputable and regularly established institutions.

If the state and federal government were supplying money to support and operate these institutions, that would be a different matter. But they put not one cent into them, and if the institutions are wise they will forever exclude public handouts, either state or federal. For if the state or the government appropriated funds for their support and maintenance, they should and will have control of their operation. As a rule the federal government rules and dominates everything it puts its money into. The legislature ought to repeal the law giving the welfare department control of private institutions in which neither the state nor government puts a nickel.

At the same time, statutes, if they do not already exist, might be enacted to prevent abuse and racketeering in child welfare or phoney institutions and orphanages. This can be done without invading, controlling, dominating existing reputable and established humane institutions.

—BR—

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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS (Continued from Page Three)

the Lord's work coming in increasing amounts, lots of good literature going out, spiritual life of the people growing and visitors coming by to discuss the King's Business." Well, that is what we mean!

We will tell you when we will have WORLD PEACE!

First, when those of us who already claim to know the Prince of Peace manifest His spirit in our lives. "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, PROVOKING one another, envying one another."—Gal. 5:26. So long as little wars go on within churches and denominations, just so long will we have big wars. James 4:1-4 was written to professed followers of Jesus. It is nice to preach it, teach it, write about it. Much better is it to live it. Since studying minutely the Scriptures from the last week in the life of Jesus and seeing the hot breath of hate blowing over Jesus, they plot His death, they bound Him with the stealth of a hunter, He is betrayed, He is denied—this matter has been a passion with us. We are as afraid of hate within our own heart as we are of liquor to our lips. Hate does more damage throughout the world!

"Love lifted me."—John 3:16.

The Bible is a precious book—if we would live its truth. In a holy hush, within the shadow of the cross, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

"Love never fails."—I Cor. 13:8.

God's people have tried strategy, denominational manipulation, acid tongues, verbal attacks, hate, strife, debts . . . ad nauseam.

Maybe, some of these days God, our Father, will raise up a generation of lovers who will love their way to victory in His service.

A pastor's wife once said, "I do not have special talents, but I can love people for Christ's sake."

Jesus dealt with vile treatment of one's fellowman in His first sermon. Matt. 5:11.

The pitiful carping critic is pictured by Paul in Romans 2:1.

Some of you who have been to us about unjustified, unethical criticism from your fellow "Christian," don't forget Aesop's Fable a la man, boy, donkey. First carping critic, "Shame, man and boy walking." Up mounts boy. Second carping critic, "Shame, boy rides and father walks." Down comes boy. Up goes father. Third carping critic, "Shame, father rides, poor boy walks." Up goes boy. Fourth carping critic, "Shame, boy and man overloading little donkey." Down come boy and man. They tie up and pole the donkey. Crossing a bridge, the donkey is frightened, kicks free, falls to his death below.

Moral—Oh, what is the use?

"But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."—Galatians 5:15. That very thing may be seen in our midst today. A few folks super-critical of others with poisonous tongues, rapier-like verbal thrusts towards others have been picking their very own off, one by one. A pastor who stood by is "bounced" by the crowd he stood up for. A preacher is viciously attacked by another, both having stood together in playing a bitter partisan game.

Brethren, God Almighty knows what it is all about. Bitterness and hate "eat up" the same as does strong drink.

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New tracts for distribution are: "Africa"—this tract has much information about a people and continent holding increasing world interest; "Jesus of Nazareth," by Dr. Robert G. Lee, a great picture of the Lord Jesus; "God's Way of Salvation," by Leavell—the simple, scriptural story of salvation—God's way! Order these from this office as you have use for them.

Dr. Earl V. Pierce gives a penetrating diagnosis of conditions facing the church in a volume, "The Church and World Conditions," just from the press. He has a remedy and presents it clearly in the closing chapter. Order from your Baptist Book Store. Price \$1.50.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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A few changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of our Woman's Missionary Union were presented in writing to the Executive Board at its last meeting in December. Article VIII of the Constitution as printed below gives the reason for printing the suggested changes. I am asking that these changes be duly considered before W. M. U. Convention April 4-6.

### ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments

The Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of The Baptist Record at least one month before the B. W. M. U. State Convention and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting. Such proposed amendments must be presented on the first day of the annual meeting, action on same being deferred until a subsequent meeting.

### ARTICLE III.—Officers

Section 2—Election: All officers with the exception of the Executive Secretary and the Young People's Secretary shall be nominated by a nominating committee (as hereinafter provided) on the second day of the annual meeting; election shall be by voice except in case of more than one nominee when election shall be by ballot. Both the Executive Secretary and the Young People's Secretary shall be nominated by the W. M. U. Executive Board and elected by the State Convention Board.

### Suggested Change

Election: All officers with the exception of the Executive Secretary, Young People's Secretary, Training School Trustee and Margaret Fund Trustee shall be nominated (as hereinafter provided) on the second day of the annual meeting; election shall be by voice except in case of more than one nominee when election shall be by ballot. Both the Executive Secretary and Young People's Secretary shall be nominated by the W. M. U. Executive Board and elected by the State Convention Board, Training School Trustee and Margaret Fund Trustee to be elected by Executive Board.

### By-Laws

#### ARTICLE VII—College Correspondent

The duties of the College Correspondent shall be to keep in close touch with the young women in the schools and colleges of our state, organizing Y. W. A's where practicable.

### To Be Eliminated

#### ARTICLE XI—Nominating Committee

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee:

First—To nominate president, vice president, eight district chairmen (one for each of the eight districts of the state), eight Young People's counselors (one from each of the eight districts of the state), recording secretary, Community Missions chairman, Mission Study leader, Stewardship leader, Training School trustee, Margaret Fund trustee. Also state

vice president of Southern W. M. U., the last named to be elected at the annual meeting as provided for in the By-Laws of the Southern W. M. U.

Suggested change: To nominate president, vice president, eight district chairmen (one from each of the eight districts), eight Young People's counselors (one from each of the eight districts), recording secretary, Community Mission chairman and Stewardship chairman. Also state vice president of Southern W. M. U., the last named to be elected at the annual meeting as provided for in the By-Laws of the Southern W. M. U.

### Report of Southwide Community Missions Chairman

#### The Simplicity of It—

There are three things about the community missions task which still seem confusion to many of us as we try to plan definite activities in our W. M. U. organizations. First is the simplicity of it. The purpose to win souls and gain other spiritual results through enlistment of all the women and young people in the effort is too simple and direct to believe. It doesn't say a thing about giving money instead of self; it doesn't say anything about sending supplies instead of women and young people. Dr. Bernard I. Bell has said that simplicity is lacking in our churches today because the blazing centrality of God as He is in Christ has become vague in churchly minds, that what seems lacking is a living Christ in the hearts of the faithful. That is an awful accusation but the simplicity of the Christian belief has ever been a stumbling-block to those who look for complicated tasks to perform. "What can we do?" they ask. Comes the reply, "Win souls, strengthen Christian character in your community." Just as simple as that.

Then how heartening it is when a community missions chairman from a rural church, seeing the simple purpose of it all, gives a testimony like this: "Due to gas shortage and the indifference of many of our women we couldn't get together to make a survey of our community and work a concerted plan of action, so each was asked to take the area about her home in a radius of two miles, find the needs there and be responsible for meeting them. I made my survey. Up the highway from my home was a family where neither the father nor the two sons, who are in the navy, are Christians. I am much concerned about them. Every friendly contact I can make is welcomed. They are on my prayer list. Down the highway on the other side of my home I found a family where the father drinks to excess and under the influence of liquor is cruel to his family. We in my home are trying to cultivate their good-will and plant seeds that will grow into Sunday school and church attendance and into a different standard of living. Around us are many families of Negroes. I visited each of them and many asked me to read the Bible and pray with them. When

some of the older ones said they couldn't read I offered to teach them so they could read the Bible for themselves. Of course I visit them when they are sick and take them food, medicine or clothing."

#### The Sincerity of It—

The demand for honesty in a Christian's life, lack of hypocrisy, purity of interest is almost brutal in the life of the average person of the world. Christians who tone down the moral demands of God may expect to be met with contempt. This demand for sincerity in Christian social action is sometimes the second difficulty in our doing community mission work in our communities. We must insist, as Jesus did, upon a society in which man is recognized as "more than a producer and consumer of goods, more than a breeder of wave-slaves and cannon-fodder."

In an Alabama city the community missions chairman asked the chief of police to speak to the missionary society and tell some of the needs for Christian social action in their city; they asked a Negro school teacher to tell what they could do to help build higher Christian standards through the Negro schools; they asked a chaplain to give them practical suggestions for meeting the needs of the men in service at a nearby camp; they asked Mr. Gartenhaus to come and lead them in definite evangelistic work among the Jews.

The chief of police reminded them of the problem of delinquency among thirteen and fourteen year old girls in their town which he said indicated delinquent homes. He urged therefore reestablishment of family altars, rebuilding Christian homes and providing wholesome recreation centers over week ends for the young people. The Negro school teacher asked the help of the white friends in securing a truant officer for the Negro school and in getting a well equipped, properly supervised playground for them also. The other invited speakers also brought helpful suggestions.

The sincerity of those women was put to the test. They must go to the city council, the board of education and any other group concerned and ask for the truant officers for the Negroes, secure the playground. They were honestly trying to meet these needs and express their interest in others in definite action.

Before the U. S. O's were started, in a certain town in Mississippi the First Baptist Church opened a recreation room for the men in the nearby camp. Magazines were subscribed to and newspapers from all over the country. When a boy registered they wrote his home-town paper and a subscription was sent. Talented men in the church made paper and magazine racks such as are used in libraries, also game tables; others contributed necessary furniture. The women and young women served as hostesses, providing simple refreshments and being ready to play the piano. The boys came by the dozens and dozens. The First Baptist Church

was a favorite place. Later the U. S. O. was opened but still the boys came to the church center which was on the alert to express its sincerity of purpose in the very beginning and still does it.

#### Sympathy of It—

"And sympathy is demanded, not pity but fellow-suffering which is what the word 'sympathy' by derivation means." As we do community missions work we are called on to suffer and lead our members gladly to suffer along side those who live in a world starved, ragged, homeless, disillusioned. There are those who think that the ills of a family, yes of the world, can be cured by new gadgets, mechanical devices, food and clothing, political power. But much more is required. Sympathy, shared suffering, understanding are needed. A selfless love that leads one to lose her life for Christ's sake must become the hidden leaven that gradually permeates the whole lump of humanity.

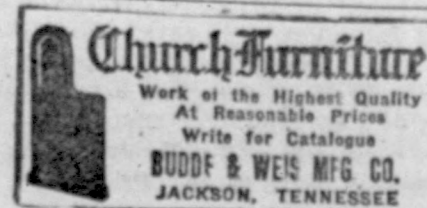
Simplicity, sincerity and sympathy are essential if we in community missions efforts manifest Christian fellowship to the already religious people about us. How much more are they needed as we work among the non-Christian group.

A supervisor of day nurseries in one of our southern cities called for volunteer help in caring for the children of mothers working in defense plants and other places to help win the war. Small children had to be undressed and dressed for naps and outdoor games, had to be fed, helped in games, led in story hours and worship periods, taken on excursions to interesting places near by, cared for when sick. Those who had a sympathetic understanding, who shared in the suffering of the mother and child, answered the call, helped in everyday tasks of washing dirty little faces and of teaching kindness and thoughtfulness, the essence of good manners.

Those directing the rural and city missions program under the Home Mission Board are desirous of the cooperation of the community missions committee. They are suggesting to their respective missionaries in the rural or city communities that the community missions chairman be a member of their committees. We want to cooperate in every possible way in these evangelistic efforts which require the enlisting of all in expressing simply and with sincerity and sympathy the living, redeeming message of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY CHRISTIAN.

See Roll Call of churches on page 15. Help get your church on the Glory Roll.





## GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."  
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



W. T. DARLING

### Darling Joins 100% Club

A recent letter from Pastor W. T. Darling inclosing the EVERY FAMILY list from New Bethel in Itawamba county and additions to the Kossuth (Alcorn county) list, making all of his churches EVERY FAMILY.

Pastor Darling is one of the best friends The Baptist Record has. Wherever he goes, The Baptist Record soon follows.

Itawamba county now has Record readers listed as follows: Bethany 3; EVERGREEN 25; FAIRVIEW 15; Fulton 14; MT. PISGAH 12; Pleasant Grove 4; Poplar Springs 8; Salem 7; Tremont 1; TRINITY 16 and NEW BETHEL 18.

Alcorn county Record readers are listed as follows: Corinth 11; HINKLE CREEK 41; Kemps Chapel 4; KOS-SUTH 38; Liberty Hill 2; RIENZI 44; TATE STREET 69; Tishomingo Chapel 2; WEST CORINTH 42; AN-TIOCH 10; Jacinto 9; Lovejoy 2, and Cross Road 1.

### State Line Church Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan Becomes Number 710

One of the newest churches to join the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is State Line church at Olive Branch in DeSoto county.

In sending in the list, Treasurer Maury Haraway writes, "Inclosed find list of names which constitutes the families of the active membership of State Line Baptist Church, and to which addresses we wish to have your good publication mailed."

The pastor of this good church is Winfred Moore. He has only been pastor for a short time but is certainly getting things on the move.

DeSoto county Record readers are listed as follows: STATE LINE (Olive Branch) 65; EUDORA 51; HER-NANDO 72; HORN LAKE 38; MACE-DONIA 26; OAK GROVE 10; MT. ZION 16; Nesbitt 3; New Prospect 1; Enterprise 1; Ebenezer 1; PLEASANT HILL 11.

### Batesville

Dr. J. W. Lee, long time pastor at Batesville, has sent in a new and renewal list of subscriptions containing 52 names. This is an increase of

15½% over last year.

Any other pastor desiring to increase their list by 15½% is hereby invited to do so.

Panola Record readers are now listed as follows: BATESVILLE 52; COMO 18; COURTLAND 11; CREN-SHAW 28; Easley Memorial 2; ENON 24; GOOD HOPE 17; LIBERTY HILL 56; Longtown 8; McIvor 1; PEACH CREEK 53; PILGRIM'S REST 18; POPE 19; Sardis 19; Tocowa 7, and Curtis 2.

### Rolling Fork

Rolling Fork is searching for a successor to William W. Ferguson, who recently accepted Venable Street church in Richmond, Va. While they searched we had the privilege of supplying one Sunday. Though pastorless, they are carrying on in a fine way. The Sunday school is capably led by Supt. H. G. Carpenter. J. W. Miller is doing a good job as B. T. U. director. The W. M. U. president is Mrs. Thomas Brand. The women as usual are doing a good job. The men's Sunday school class is planning (when it gets dry enough) to hold services in unchurched communities. The Sunday school finance system is used and the people like it. Last year contributions totalled almost \$13,000 and it seems that they will do better this year.

Sharkey county Record readers are listed as follows: ANGUILLA 24; CARY 25; CATCHINGS 18; ROLLING FORK 70; SPANISH FORT 23; STRAIGHT BAYOU 11, and Issaquena 1.

### NEW BETHANY CHURCH, JONES COUNTY IS NUMBER 704

Rural Evangelist Hilbun Leads Pastorless Church to Adopt the Every Family Plan.

Recently Rev. B. S. Hilbun presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan to New Bethany church in Jones county. This church is not yet a member of the Jones county association, and is pastorless. Though small they were glad to line up with the more than 700 churches that have the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Jones county Record readers are listed as follows: New Bethany, 6; ANTIOCH 36; BEACON 39; BETHEL 17; CENTERVILLE 35; County Line 1; ELLISVILLE 122; Eastabutchie 1; HARMONY 35; FAIRFIELD 58; LAUREL FIRST 424; SECOND AVENUE LAUREL 99; LOWREY CREEK 20; MOSELLE 35; MT. ORAL 28; OVETT 49; PECAN GROVE 19; PINE GROVE 47; SAND HILL 21; SHARON 31; Calvary 10; FRIENDSHIP 33; SHELTON 44; SOSO 19; SUMMERLAND 41; TUCKER'S CROSSING 14; WEST LAUREL 167; SOUTH LAUREL 47; BETHLEHEM 22, and SANDERSVILLE 42.

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS CALLED TO PRAYER

the approximately one hundred sixty thousand readers of The Baptist Record will bombard God with prayer and the prayer is a worthy one, that paper rationing will be avoided.

Pray daily from now until the decision is reached.

A. L. Goodrich, Editor.

See Roll Call of churches on page 15. Help get your church on the Glory Roll.



WILLIAM W. FERGUSON

### ROLLING FORK PASTOR ACCEPTS VIRGINIA CALL

William W. Ferguson, for the past few years pastor at Rolling Fork, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Venable Street church, Richmond, Virginia. This is one of Virginia's old historic churches. It has a membership of more than 1,200.

Mississippians will regret to learn of the loss of this popular young pastor. Last year there were more baptisms at Rolling Fork than any church in the Deer Creek Association. The church has been redecorated and all debts paid. Gifts to missions have been largely increased. Ferguson is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Louisville Seminary where he received his Masters Degree. He also did work on his doctorate. He was ordained at Calvary church, Jackson.

Rolling Fork was his first pastorate after his seminary days. While a student at the Seminary he was pastor of churches in Tennessee and Kentucky.

### WATTS MEMORIAL PREPARES FOR REVIVAL

We are this week having cottage prayer meetings in six sections of our community preparing for our meeting which is to begin next Sunday to run through the 19th.

Rev. Lloyd King, evangelist from Orlando, Fla., is to be with us. He has been our personal friend ever since I was a boy. A great preacher of the Word, together with his fine work among the children in an afternoon Story Hour makes us look forward to his coming.

Pray for us as he comes to lead in an effort to reach the thousands of unaffiliated Baptists and the multitude of unsaved who are all about us here.

Last week it was our pleasure to have Brother E. C. Williams with us for a teacher training course. He made "Building a Standard Sunday School" very interesting and our workers have been blessed by his coming. We averaged 25 in attendance. Plans are being made to increase our space so we can departmentize our school. We have right now enrolled enough Intermediates and Juniors to have 10 classes in each of those departments.

I always add that the Record is having its part in our growth. Probably that ought to be put nearer the top.—J. F. Brantley.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### MRS. MAMIE ADAMS DOBBS

WHEREAS: On January 3rd, 1944 by the Divine Providence of God, the Father, Mamie Adams Dobbs was called from her sphere of consecrated service to her Heavenly reward, and because it is with unending thanksgiving for the gift of such a lovely soul, so loyal and unselfish, so industrious and capable in service in the Lord's vineyard;

AND WHEREAS: We feel so keenly the personal loss and Christian support of one that had endeared herself to all by endless deeds of kindness and Christian thoughtfulness,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this resolution proclaiming our love and appreciation for Mrs. Dobbs be drawn and that this statement of mutual respect and Christian esteem be expressed for a life given to unselfish service for Christ and others during many years past.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, the Baptist Record, the Plaindealer and spread on the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. VAN H. HARDIN

MRS. J. D. WEEKS

MRS. EDGAR REID

Ackerman Baptist

WMU Committee

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### THE CHURCH PAPER

"What church paper," asked the pastor, "do you take?"

"None," the casual communicant replied. "Haven't time to read. Take more papers now than I can read."

"When and where is our next annual conference?"

"Don't know."

"Haven't we a mission board at all?"

"Think we have, but don't know for certain."

"Is it doing anything?"

"Suppose it is. Don't really know."

"How much money did it raise last year?"

"Don't know."

"Where is the home mission work most needed?"

"Don't know."

"What good are you to the church anyway?"

"Don't know; that is—well, you see—"

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# + INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

A letter written by Dr. Ray U. Northrip, September 28, 1943, from Ogbomosh, Nigeria, West Africa, reached our office, February 7, 1944, two months after he and Mrs. Northrip reached the United States on their greatly needed furlough, long overdue. In that letter he wrote: "The hospital work is growing each year. We have already seen as many patients at the hospital as we saw all of last year and this month I did forty operations. We are treating about 800 leper patients now. Most of these people are eager to learn about Christianity. It is a great feeling to see them respond to Christian teachings. The hospital wards are filled nearly always, with a waiting list for operations." Yet with the blessed ministry of medical missions in Nigeria and its attendant opportunities for evangelism, our mission in Africa may be forced to close the hospital for the lack of a Christian physician to supervise the work in that field of glorious service.

Dr. George W. Sadler was scheduled to leave the second week in February, by plane for Nigeria, West Africa. He hopes to return to America in time for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May. More changes are taking place in Africa than in any of our mission fields, with ever enlarging opportunities for missionary work. Units of Allied armies have gone into every part of what has been known as the Dark Continent. New contacts are being made with representatives of other nations and doors are being opened to give the people of Africa new views of the world.

During the years of 1942 and 1943, Southern Baptists gave for Work Relief, \$926,045.55. Since 1937 we have given more than one million dollars for World Relief. The Foreign Mission Board is sending \$35,000 every month to China. It has a considerable sum reserved for Europe, as soon as we can get into that continent at the close of the war. When that day comes, a starving world will be at our doors with outstretched hands. On American Christians, more than anyone else, will rest the responsibility of feeding and clothing the famishing multitudes of the earth.

One of the noteworthy offerings in recent months for missions is reflected in the report of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, where Dr. Frederick S. Porter, President of the Georgia Baptist Convention is pastor. The women of that church gave \$3,535.48 to the Lottie Moon Offering; \$1,566.15 to the Annie Armstrong Offering; \$1,130.50 for State Missions; \$1,549.80 to the Hundred Thousand Club; and \$646.30 to the Besie Tift Endowment.

Southern Baptists were honored in having as a visitor Dr. H. R. Williamson, Foreign Secretary of the British Baptist Foreign Mission Society. He came to thank Southern Baptists for their generous gift of \$200,000 sent them in the early days of the war when their churches were being bombed and they were encompassed by disaster and debt. They say that the generous gift of Southern Baptists saved their mission cause and gave them heart in their

world mission program. This gift so stimulated their own sacrificial giving that last year they gave 150,000 pounds sterling as an extra anniversary offering to strengthen their missionary program. In other words, 350,000 British Baptists gave approximately \$1,000,000 in one year for world missions. If 5,000,000 Southern Baptists were to give at the same ratio, we would raise in one year \$15,000,000 for Foreign Missions. These 350,000 English Baptists have 424 missionaries in active service in their foreign mission fields.

The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board are co-operating to put on an intensive mission study program throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, using quite a number of our missionaries who are at home. Missionary W. B. Johnson, who came home in December on the Gripsholm from China, together with Rev. L. W. Martin of the Home Board, will arrange the schedules in co-operation with the Baptist leaders in each state. These World Mission Fellowship Meetings should be a great blessing to Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptist W. M. U., which hitherto has met the same week as the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its annual meeting the third week in September in Oklahoma City. This change of meeting place was made necessary by the inability of any city to take care of both the Convention and the W. M. U. meeting at the same time as heretofore.

Up to January 25, the

Southwide W. M. U. reported total gifts of \$676,362.16, contributed in the last Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This is already more than \$100,000 in excess of the total offerings for 1942 and will strengthen our world mission program in the days immediately following the war. Every state had on January 25, exceeded its goal, with additional offerings yet to be reported. Up to February 10, the Foreign Mission Board had received a total of \$465,648.21, on Lottie Moon Offering. The amount will probably go beyond \$700,000 when returns are all in.

The Foreign Mission Board is reporting increased receipts over preceding years, but the expenditures will be proportionately greater. We keep intact our missionary personnel and be ready to send out an increased force of missionaries when there will be open doors around the world following this terrible conflict. We have had very heavy expenses in bringing missionaries home and sending missionaries to Free China and to Africa, where the opportunities are unprecedented. In addition, we must minister in the name of Christ to starving multitudes.

Miss Ruth Kersey and Missionary Bennie Griffin returned to Nigeria, West Africa, on the same plane that carried Dr. George W. Sadler. Within the last few months sixteen of our Southern Baptist missionaries to West Africa have been able to return to that field of enlarging opportunities.



# VICTORY NOW CLUB GREETINGS

February 1944.

DEAR FELLOW HELPER IN THE GOSPEL:

Some days ago while out on the field we had occasion to ring a long distance operator and ask if she would ring a certain person. She replied in that spirit which is so fine, "I will ring you anybody anywhere." That is the spirit which makes for success in any field. It is the abundant living spirit. It is the spirit of the song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord," and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Some mighty passions should grip Mississippi Baptists at this time. First, Thanksgiving to God for His blessings. A continual Doxology should rise like a fountain from our hearts. God has been good to us.

Second, an Evangelistic Fervor. When the spirit of soul winning is lost—all is lost.

Third, a five-year and FOREVER Program in Evangelism, Missions, Christian Education, Benevolences, Stewardship, Service and Giving.

Fourth, Debt-Paying Completion. We list it last, the position it occupies with altogether too many Mississippi Baptists. We should pay our debts: (1) For Christ's Sake. His name, His work, His people are all involved. Cheer up! We have done something about it. Alas! we have done, not enough. (2) For the sake of His church. We might say for the sake of the Denomination, the B. T. U., the Missionary Society, the S. S. or the Brotherhood. We do not say that just now. We say, His church, the institution He loved, instituted, lived for, died for, commissioned, and is coming again to claim. His church is involved! His blood is upon it! (3) For the sake of the lost millions who await His gospel. Persons have been found in Mississippi who have not had the claims of Jesus pressed upon them. In Washington, D. C., during the city-wide Evangelistic Campaign last fall a person was discovered who had not seen a Bible. DO WE CARE?

Yes, we should pay our debts—BECAUSE:

1. The money went for a good purpose. 2. We are honest. 3. We wear the name of Christ. 4. Some Baptists have never known a denomination free of debt. That is not right. A financial debt emphasis is not the main emphasis of God's people. 5. To save nearly \$300,000 interest. 6. It will loose us for a greater work. 7. The thrill of a task completed.

One of the big tasks was to get people to believe that Mississippi Baptists could and would do it. Now we know many pledges have been made and many of them paid. Keep on. Put it in the budget for 1944. See that YOUR CHURCH makes a special and extra debt-paying offering in June, 1944.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO COMPLETE PAYING OUR DEBTS?

1. Pray about it. 2. Believe in it. 3. Give it the place it deserves. Do not let anything or anybody crowd it out. 4. Support it through the practice of scriptural Stewardship—tithes and offerings. What have we done in this matter?

In 1939 we had \$542,100 bonds outstanding (plus a deficit).

In 1943 (November) we had \$156,500 bonds outstanding (plus a deficit).

In 1939 we paid \$32,500 interest on bonds.

In 1943 we paid \$9,390 interest.

WHY PAY THE \$9,390?

Today through calling bonds before maturity date, we have saved interest in the total amount of \$243,925.

We may save an additional \$40,000 in interest by calling our remaining bonds JUNE 1, 1944.

Our receipts for the five-year period 1939 to November 1, 1943 were as follows:

Now Club	\$385,112.67
Cooperative Program	154,478.86
Total receipts	\$539,591.53
Our expenditures over this five-year period were:	
Bonds	\$380,400.00
Interest paid	120,000.00
Total expenditures	\$500,400.00
In addition, Now Club field and office expenses for the five-year period totalled	41,500.00
Amounts paid to Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi Woman's College	12,000.00

There was also an accumulation of small items over this five-year period. This period started with \$27,000.00 deficit in this account.

To get our January 1, 1944 picture in order to see the task before us, we give you the following figures:

DEBITS	
November 1, 1943, balance	\$ 40,206.61
December 1, 1943, bonds taken up	\$105,500.00
December bond premiums	\$ 2,170.00
December bond interest coupons	\$ 4,635.00
Total	\$152,511.61

CREDITS	
November 1943, Christian Education Allotment	\$ 4,216.93
December 1943, Christian Education allotment	\$ 4,838.74
November 1943, Now Club	\$ 6,592.99
December 1943, Now Club	\$ 12,874.68
Total Receipts	\$ 28,523.34
January 1, 1944 deficit	\$123,988.07
Bonds outstanding	\$ 52,500.00

Balance in bond account to be raised by November 1, 1944 \$176,488.07  
We have a deficit amount in this account simply because we have been calling bonds in excess of monies on hand in this account. We drew upon our reserve to save interest.

CAN MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS RAISE THIS \$176,488.07 within the next few months? WE CERTAINLY CAN, BECAUSE in 1943 our receipts for debt-paying were as follows:

Cooperative Program	\$ 58,010.04
Now Club	\$130,766.29

Total 1943 receipts \$188,776.33

In addition to these two regular channels we have the special JUNE OFFERING, which, if Mississippi Baptists take seriously, should just about clear this indebtedness at that time.

IT CAN BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

## NOW CLUB PROMOTION June Offering

Believing that the completion of our debt-paying plan is of the utmost importance to all of our work, we have already started organizing for the special June offering campaign. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE NOT FORGETTING THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR PRESSING THE MATTER, IN THE MEANTIME, IF WE AS MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE TO BE OUT OF DEBT THIS YEAR.

We already have one of the finest organizations conceivable, and we expect to use it without extra overhead organization.

The State organization is as follows: D. A. McCall, director of Now Club; Miss Frances Traylor, state chairman W. M. U. division; A. L. Goodrich, chairman state publicity; A. J. Wilds, chairman state B. T. U. division; E. C. Williams, chairman state Sunday school division.

Five enlistment pastors, namely, E. D. Estes, W. E. Greene, Jas B. Ray, Bruce S. Hilbun, and W. W. Kyzar, are state district chairmen.

We are happy to inform you that all of these have accepted this responsibility and in the finest of spirit. In fact, we have never seen it finer anywhere. The duties of these will be simply through correspondence and personal group contacts to promote the largest possible participation in the SPECIAL JUNE OFFERING and throughout the year.

The local church set-up will be as follows: The pastor is the God chosen and church called leader in every Kingdom task. The church treasurers, as church chairmen; president of W. M. U. as chairman of the church W. M. U. division; B. T. U. director as chairman of local B. T. U. division; Sunday school superintendent as chairman of local S. S. division; and president of Brotherhood, as chairman of local Brotherhood division.

The responsibility of these local church officials simply consists in seeing that a Sunday is set apart for the time of the special offering in the month of June. Promote it, publicize it, pray about it, and push it.

The church treasurer will be provided with addressed postal cards for reporting the fact of the offering on Monday morning to the Convention Board office, for the offering taken the day before.

We submit this as a simple, scriptural, and effective organization for this work.

# Mississippi Baptist Education Commission

D. A. McCALL, Director of Now Club

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

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### Wanted—Five Hundred Pastors!

The Sunday School and Training Union departments combine in plans for five conferences for pastors only to be held May 1-5. They will be one day meetings, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and closing at 3:00 p. m. Host churches are Pontotoc, May 1; Ackerman, May 2; First Laurel May 3; Brookhaven May 4; Indianola May 5. Pastors, please mark these dates. Detailed information will be sent to every pastor a little later.

### Calling All Directors

June is Christian Education Month. Mississippi Baptists propose to lay no less than \$100,000.00 on the altar that month to be applied to the paying of our debts. Training Union directors will use their influence in leading their church to have a worthy part in this offering. Talk it in the Union, discuss it with your pastor, cooperate in the plans. No special organization, no special committee. We are asking the department heads to be THE COMMITTEE in each church. Counting on you.

### First Meridian Training Union Has Valentine Banquet

Thanks to Miss Mary E. Thurmond, educational secretary of First church Meridian for a good report of the Training Union. A part of the report is the account of a Valentine banquet on February 14th. One hundred and ten enthusiastic members were present and gave a salute to the progressive plans for the coming year. The members of a newly organized Young Adult Union were honorary guests at the banquet. Miss Thurmond also reports that a nursery is being opened to take care of small children under Story Hour age so mothers and fathers of these children can attend the union. Big plans are in the making for their training school which begins March 27th. Congratulations—nothing succeeds like success.

### NOT TOO LATE EVEN NOW TO PLAN AND CONDUCT A STUDY COURSE IN MARCH.

Associational directors are helping us gather quarterly reports. Brother McInnis, director of Lebanon, writes for fifty Training Union blanks. Miss Era Duncan, director of Adams-Franklin, writes for 24. These will be sent to the directors and they in turn will send them each quarter back to the associational director and the director after checking them will send them to our office.

Miss Duncan, director of Adams-Franklin Association, writes of the meeting of the 24th: "The meeting of January 24th meant so much to me personally. I feel greatly blessed by being director of the association and working in cooperation with the association in preparing this program and also in hearing it rendered."

"If your work is WORK to you quit it I pray,  
Find the thing you're meant to do,  
and it won't be work, but PLAY."

Are you one of those who is "just leading this union until they can get someone else"? If so, pray the Lord to give you a definite LOVE for the work, a love that will lead you to put your best into it. Or pray that He will lead in the selection of a successor who will have this devotion to the work that is necessary to make it a success.

### Blue Mountain Local Young People's Banquet

On Thursday evening February 10, a Valentine banquet was held in Broach Hall for the local young people's union of Blue Mountain church. Twenty-six members were present to enjoy the program and good food. The pastor and director were guests of honor. Arlena Smith, president of the union, presided as toast mistress. A climax to the program was the presentation of love gifts to the pastor and director. It was a grand occasion, and greatly enjoyed by all present. Those serving on program were: Margaret Hill, J. B. Henderson, Mary Ruth Smith, Sara Taylor, Sarah Wages, Louise Freeman, Bobbie Mitchell, Charline Miskelley, Rev. C. J. Smyly. The program closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." And there is no greater tie than Christian love.

### Jeff Davis Association Reports Good Meeting

Mrs. Howard Hartzog, associational secretary for Jeff Davis Association, reports a splendid meeting on January 24th. EVERY ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICER was present. Eight churches with three pastors and an attendance of 88. The program was well planned, interestingly presented, and greatly enjoyed by those present. Goals were set for the coming year that will challenge each officer and church in the association.

### Calendar For March

Theme for March—God's Will for the Earth Is to Be Realized Through Christ.

Scripture—Heb. 1:1-2.

Song—"Our Best."

Denominational emphasis, special offering for Home and Foreign Missions in the Sunday school March 26. Lead every member of the union to have part. Activities, conduct a big all-church-membership study course, using stewardship books. Make plans for "Youth Week" April 2-9. Associational mass meeting.

### Going to Ridgecrest?

Already hundreds of reservations have been made for Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest. If you are planning, and we hope you are, better write immediately and ask for reservation. Address your letter to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C. We will have three weeks this year, July 19-25, July 26-Aug. 1, Aug. 2-8. State which week you desire reservation for when you write. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RUN A BUS THIS YEAR.

Material for the various contests to be held at the District Conventions

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSES

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. Our government needs more men in all branches of war service. Where in the Bible is a similar call for men?

2. How would you describe "the wilderness of Judaea" as mentioned in Matthew 3:1?

3. Can you name the city referred to by Jesus when He said, "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid"?

4. The "Book of Isaiah" in early times was known as "First, Second and Third Isaiah." How were the 66 chapters divided into three books?

are ready and has been mailed to every leader. If you have not received a sheet drop us a card and we will be glad to send it. All directors have been mailed one for each department. Let every union cooperate in making this phase of the unions work successful.

Drop us a card and tell us what your union has done!

—BR—

From the March issue of the Sunday School Builder we learn that: the Lauderdale Association (Meridian, Mississippi) with 32 churches, had every church to participate in a Vacation Bible school in 1943. There were 31 schools, with two of the churches having a school together.

## 25 Years Ago

A call to the pastorate of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans was extended to the Reverend Edward D. Solomon of Mississippi, who has just been mustered out of the army, where he has been serving for some time as chaplain.

Rev. J. P. Harrington resigned the care of Providence Heights church in Waco, Texas, last Sunday and will come back to Mississippi as enlistment field man for the territory north and west of Winona.

The church at McCool has secured the services of Rev. Chas. T. Davis. He will give half time at McCool and the other to the church at Lama.

The First church at Kosciusko, under the wise administration of Pastor A. T. Cinnamond seems to be entering upon a new era of prosperity. The church gave the pastor an unlimited call. The budget system was adopted. The Sunday school and W. M. U. are doing splendid work.

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Mitchell, having resigned their two churches in Natchitoches Association, have moved to Converse, La., where they'll begin their work on a full-time field.

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## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### March Emphasis

Home and Foreign Mission Day, March 26, is the special Sunday school emphasis for the month of March.

As usual, the Sunday School Board will mail free to each superintendent some material for this day. Plan early and adequately to make Home and Foreign Mission Day in your Sunday school all that it should be.

### Three Conventions

During the week of April 24-29 we are having three Sunday school conventions in Mississippi—at New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven.

The program is taking shape rapidly and we promise you three great conventions. Be sure and save the date and plan to attend the one nearest you.

The time? April 24-29. Host churches will furnish bed and breakfast free.

### For Pastors Only!

During the week of May 1-5 there will be five meetings in Mississippi for pastors only. These will begin on Monday, May 1, at Pontotoc and meet one each day through Friday of that week at Ackerman, Laurel, Brookhaven, Indianola.

Remember, these are for PASTORS ONLY. You will hear more about them later. They will be indeed great days in the interest of all of our work.

### Teaching Them

One of the major functions of any church is to teach the people the word of God. The Sunday school is established for this vitally important task. The church that fails to teach its people through a good Sunday school is failing in one of the major ministries of its life. Jesus sets us the example of teaching. It also has a most prominent place in the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments.

Therefore, we urge upon the leaders of each and every church to see to it that the teaching function gets its rightful place in the work. Jesus sometimes preached, He sometimes healed, but He always taught. How glorious that in our churches we can have the great Sunday school program to teach our people the word of the Lord, and do it in congenial

groups because of a grading system that is conducive to the best teaching.

### Diploma For Every Teacher

"Each of our Sunday school teachers having the diploma," says Mr. W. B. Boatner, superintendent at Good-year, Picayune, "is the goal we have set for this associational year."

This is certainly a most worthy aim and one that will result in great benefit to those teachers and through them to their pupils.

Many of our people have written that they plan to get their diploma this year. How fine! There are literally hundreds of officers and teachers who should do this right away because they do not now lack but one book. There are other hundreds who lack only two books, and this would not be any great task for any teacher.

Why not join this group of BE A DIPLOMA HOLDER this year? If you do not know what books you have had already, write us a card and we shall gladly tell you. Any of the books may be finished either individually or in class. Instructions for both are given in the front of the books.

### June Victory Month!!

Yes, June is Victory Month for Mississippi Baptists in paying our debts. That is the time when we want to pay up every cent that we owe. It should be one of the greatest months we have ever had because of the far-reaching results that are involved. Interest paying on debts will all be behind us if we make June the real month of victory that we should. What a day of rejoicing that will be! No debt! No interest to pay!

Every Mississippi Baptist should not only want to get in on this, but should even clamor for the opportunity to help this most worthy cause. Some have been in on the Five Thousand and Now Clubs from the beginning, and have paid all they subscribed, but many of these will even want to do some EXTRA for June to make it sure enough Victory Month.

Then, there are those who have paid only part of their subscriptions and they will want to pay up. Also, there are some who have paid nothing and surely, surely, they will not even consider letting us get out of debt without having some part in it, and they will want to join in the March of Victory for June.

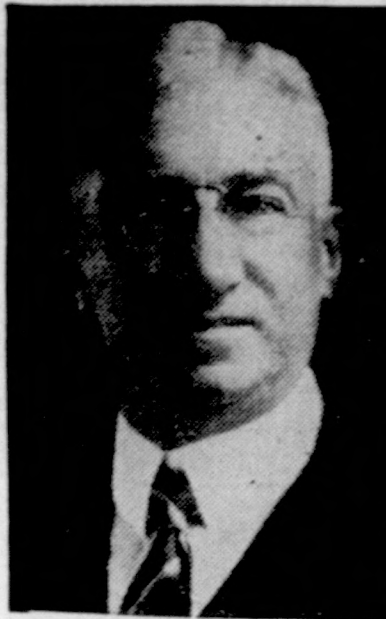
Therefore, let every pastor, superintendent, teacher, director, leader, president of every unit of every church start now to lead those under his direction to have a worthy part in the offerings from now through June that will make that month Victory Month indeed.

Let's do it, Mississippi Baptists! And let's do it in a great way. We can, and under God's leadership I believe that we will.

Yes, sir, victory from debt in June! Start now in that direction.

—BR—

See Roll Call of churches on page 15. Help get your church on the Glory Roll.



### THE BAPTIST HOUR

Date: March 5, 1944—7:30 CWT—8:30 EWT.

Speaker: Dr. Ryland Knight, Atlanta, Georgia.

Subject: "Everybody's Christ."

The Baptist Hour programs can be heard in this area over Stations WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; KWKH, Shreveport; WREC, Memphis, and WSM, Nashville.

—BR—

### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE NEWS

Dear Brother J. W. Lee advises that in a codicil to his will he is remembering his Alma Mater another thousand dollars worth. He has already established a J. W. Lee Memorial Endowment fund of a thousand dollars.

The W. M. S. of Clinton Baptist Church, through Mrs. G. W. Riley, publicly presented a check of \$150 to the M. O. Patterson Memorial Fund at the church service February 20. This society was the first organization to become interested in such a movement and only Dr. H. M. Harris, one of our missionaries to China, preceded it in contributing toward it.

There was a happy coincidence at this service. Joe Patterson, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Patterson, was licensed to preach. The writer knows that the burden of Dr. Patterson's heart during his latter years was that Joe would be called into the ministry. May he wear worthily the mantle of his illustrious father.

During the last two weeks seven hundred and fifty dollars have been sent in on the Patterson Memorial. These contributions are coming unsolicited, showing that our people are getting hungry to give something to Mississippi College.

Hundreds of our young men and

young women are in the service of their country. They are scattered throughout the world. They are distinguishing themselves on all the battlefronts, on the sea, in the air, and under the sea. Many of them have already made the supreme sacrifice. All the others are daily exposed to danger, disease, and death. Will all the readers of the Record join with us here in prayer that our heavenly Father will watch over them and shield them from all harm and speedily return them to us if it be in accordance with His holy will.

Our new term of 16 weeks begins March 16th, and closes June 26th, at which time we shall have our commencement exercises.

D. M. Nelson, President.

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REV. C. C. CARRAWAY

CARRAWAY COMPLETES SECOND YEAR AT BOYLE

Clyde C. Carraway came to Boyle in the Bolivar County Baptist Association on March 5th, 1942, and will shortly complete the second year of his ministry at the Boyle Baptist Church. God has indeed blessed this church and its people under Bro. Carraway's leadership. At the beginning of his ministry the church had a membership of 336. Now it has a membership of 689. When he started in this work the church had a budget of about \$1,500. It now has a budget of \$4,000. Many dozens of the members are now faithful tithers. The spirit of the church is excellent. Two years ago the church owed \$1,100 on its parsonage. Last fall the note and deed of trust on the parsonage was paid off and burned up in a public service at the church. In 1943 the sum of \$4,600 was paid into the church treasury. In 1942 the church filled its long felt need for adequate Sunday school facilities, by erecting a building known as "Carraway Hall" on the church lot, with 12 Sunday school rooms. This building has a value of over \$5,000. It was built largely by the labor of the pastor and the men in the church and by donations of materials, so that the cash cost was much less than the value of the building. The church also bought and paid for five extra lots adjacent to the church. The church owes "no man anything," and is now enlarging and improving the pastor's home. Bro. Carraway also holds the pastorates at Interstate Baptist Church in the Bolivar Association, and Roundaway Baptist Church in the Sunflower Association and devotes Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons to preaching at these churches. Last Christmas the church sent a Testament, including the Psalms, to about 140 men in the armed forces from the Boyle community. God has in the Boyle church fulfilled every promise He ever made to those who will love and trust Him.

Before coming to Boyle, Bro. Carraway was pastor of Arcola Baptist Church and missionary for the Deer Creek Baptist Association, for about 4½ years. This association consists of Washington, Sharkey, Humphreys and Issaquena counties. The last year he held this missionary post he baptized 313 persons. Some years he had more converts than all of the churches in the four counties combined. He was instrumental in the establishment of five new Baptist

ABERDEEN BAPTIST DEDICATE BUILDING



REV. C. W. THOMPSON

After struggling several years with a building debt, Aberdeen Baptists

got busy and paid the last of their indebtedness in October and dedicated their building on Jan. 30. Rev. C. W. Thompson is the pastor.

Those taking part in this service were: History of the Church, W. G. Peugh; Dedication Sermon, Dr. D. A. McCall; Dedication Prayer, Dr. J. M. Walker; burning notes, J. B. Dalton, W. E. Eikner and Mrs. W. B. Watkins. The choir, under the direction of Fred Harrison and Mrs. Mervin Mize, organist, furnished special music for the service.

This building was erected in 1926 under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Walker at a cost of \$65,000 and is adequate for all needs. The total contributions for 1943 were \$18,046.07 with 49 additions to the church by letter and 27 for baptism. With this debt paid the congregation plans to give themselves to enlistment soul winning and missions now.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Van Winkle (Feb. 20)	117	
Second Avenue Laurel	269	82
Adaton (Oktibbeha) (Feb. 20)	38	
First Baptist Jackson	754	
Parkway	550	
Calvary Jackson	194	
Bogue Chitto (Pike) (Feb. 20)	63	75
Bethlehem (Jones) (Feb. 20)	59	43
Ramah (Franklin) (Feb. 20)	48	48
Hardy (Feb. 20)	56	
Brookhaven (Feb. 20)	394	138
Enon (Panola) (Feb. 20)	38	52
New Albany	372	115
Sharon (Gulf Coast Assoc.)	40	
Gulfport First	508	
Antioch (Jones)	81	80
Olive Branch	90	51
Grenada	65	
West Side Natchez	76	36
Watts Memorial Pascagoula	362	68
Brookhaven	495	99
First church Laurel	407	96
Enon (Panola)	52	26
Crystal Springs	396	124
Ackerman	100	30
Roseland Park (Pearl River)	69	47
Wallerville	69	21
Hardy	77	
Cross Roads (Webster)	60	
Bethlehem	70	31

—BR—

Any one having some church seats to sell should write Rev. J. L. Moore, Dossville. He is pastor of Corinth church, Leake county, and they want to buy some seats, used or new.

churches, and the building of three new church buildings and one parsonage. The Baptist church and the cause of Christ need men like Bro. Carraway to take the lead in the widespread revival of religion which we hope and pray will follow the victorious peace over the enemies of Christianity.

Rev. Carraway is married and has three children, one born since he came to Boyle.



HORTON ACCEPTS CLARKSDALE PASTORATE

Dr. F. K. Horton, for seven years pastor at the First church, Columbia, has accepted the pastorate at Clarksdale.

Before going to Columbia, Dr. Horton served as pastor at Liberty and Magnolia.

Rev. Horton speaks in highest terms of the people at Columbia saying, "They have followed me in a great way and I leave them with nothing but love in my heart."

The Clarksdale church has been pastorless since the recent resignation of Dr. J. A. Stewart, who went to Louisville, Ky., as pastor of Broadway church.

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# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For March 5  
THE COMMANDER SETS HIS SENTINELS

Lesson Text: Mark 13

Introduction: This, with its parallel passages in Matthew and Luke, presents very grave difficulties of interpretation. Around the effort rightly to interpret these passages have grown up earnest, not to say angry, controversies concerning what the Lord has to say on the subject of His coming and of the last things. Personally I used to have my own opinions as to the true interpretation; but the longer I live the less respect I have for my own fixed opinions. I might say the same thing for my respect for yours. If, however, you get any consolation from the entertainment of your scheme for the Lord's second coming you are welcome to it.

But a few great and easily understandable truths are expressed in these passages. Our Lord has sought to make clear to His disciples the fact that He is on the point of taking His departure from them. Their reaction to His confidences on this subject is one of anxious inquiry and in this passage, He undertakes to allay their anxieties by assigning activities which shall engage their whole attention and adduce their firmest faith.

I. The Commander Considers Questions. Mark 13:3, 4.

Four of His disciples come to Him privately and they said to Him, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when these things are about to be accomplished?"

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See how human these men were. What would you ask Him if our Lord were here now? Are you not also anxious in these days of worldwide uncertainty? Who has the key to the future but He? Who else can unravel the knots of the skein? Wouldn't you love to go with a select committee and ask Him what the issue of the present turmoil shall be? I think we may be very sure that He would not receive such a delegation angrily or even impatiently. See how He received this one.

II. The Commander Counsels Caution. Vs. 5-10.

"Take heed that no man lead you astray." Ah, how men have needed that counsel and how they need it now. I do not recall that there has been a time of worldwide peace since I can remember. We are told that, when our Lord was born, there was worldwide peace. In Rome stood the temple of Janus whose doors were left open in time of war and were closed in time of peace. For six hundred years the doors of the temple of Janus had stood open. They were closed at the end of that period and our Lord was born. I do not know when a period of peace over the world would have led the pagan followers of Janus to close the doors of this temple if such followers had continued to the present day. And always as the fires of war smoldered here or there, there have been men to say that this war or that was the last one and that the Lord was now about to come suddenly to His temple. Earthquakes, cyclones, ravaging floods, waiting fire, the pestilence that stalketh at noon-day, the wandering comets, all have been regarded as heralds of His approach. Many false messiahs have arisen and men have said, "Lo! Here; Lo! There!" But ever the calm counsel of our great Commander comes to us in His sober words, "Take heed that no man lead you astray."

III. The Commander's Implied Commission. V. 10.

"The gospel must first be preached unto all nations." Now, my friends, there is your task and mine. I would call your attention to the clinging compulsion of our Lord's "must" in this commission. It is on the page of His everlasting word ineradicable: It is on the tablet of the Christian conscience incapable of erasure: It expresses an obligation unavoidably binding as long as breath shall warm the body of His last follower. The gospel must be preached, to Hitler and his henchmen, to Hirohito and his hordes of hate-filled enemies of of King. This word of our Lord must stand against the word of the gallant Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and every other man who, adopting the method of the world, shall say, "We must utterly wipe them out." Nay, but our King says, "The gospel must be preached" to them. The spirit of its proclamation cannot be altered. Its method may take many forms but it must be preached.

IV. The Commander Orders Alertness. Vs. 31-37.

The words with which this passage begins sets such value upon the decrees of the King as to make the regard for them a matter for eternal vigilance. When is our King coming back? If we knew that we might slumber and sleep until the time of His return drew near. This He will not have us do, but regard the cir-



DR. H. C. BASS

Dr. H. C. Bass, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama, will conduct the revival services at Van Winkle Baptist Church beginning March 5 and closing March 12. Dr. Bass is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. Services will be held twice daily, 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.—Robert S. Crawford, pastor.

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR March

Evangelism—  
Soul Winning Revival—March 5-19  
—Columbus, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.  
Three-day Evangelistic Conference—March 6-8—Columbus.  
Soul Winning Revival—March 19-April 2—New Albany, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.  
Three-day Evangelistic Conference—March 20-22—New Albany.  
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Tithes and Offerings.  
Daily Bible Reading.  
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November First, 1944.  
S. S.—Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday Schools.  
W. M. U.—Home Mission Season of Prayer—February 28-March 3.  
B. T. U.—Study Course Month (Churches Using Local Talent).  
State Workers in Enlargement Campaign.  
Associational Mass Meetings.  
Home Missions.  
Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, March 26.  
Training Union Study Courses.

cumstances which surround us as a watchtower in which we are to keep our sleepless vigilance against every foe that would assail us from without or from within in a devilish effort to chill the ardor of our love for Him, to slacken the pace of our work for Him, or to shake our trust in the faithfulness of Him. His counsel to us in closing is "Watch and pray."

He represents Himself as sojourning in a far country from which He will one day undoubtedly return. Happy His follower He finds watching when He comes and remember always that the two words He uses in this passage both of which are translated "watch" convey the idea of wakefulness and steadfastness not only but zealous as well.

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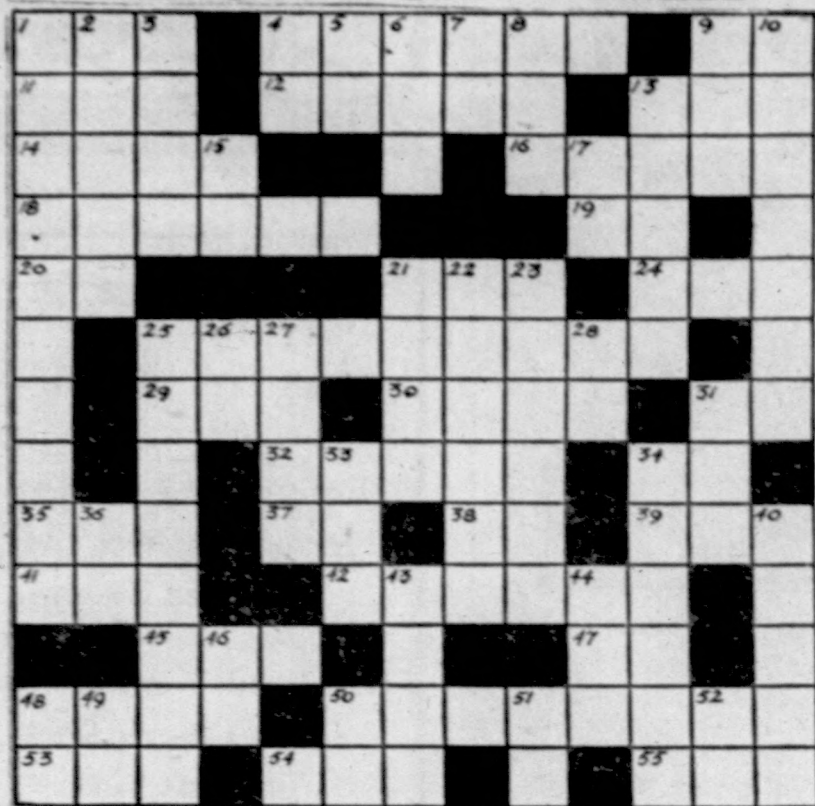
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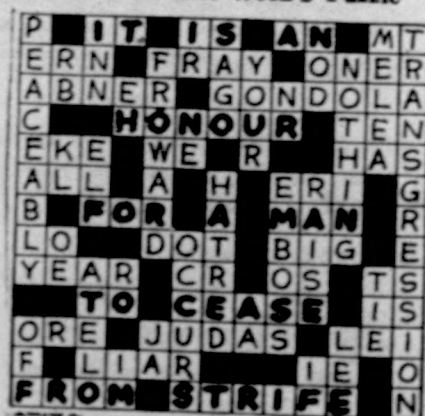
- 1 "In the ... of your gladness," Num. 10:10.
- 4 "hasting unto the ... of the day of God," II Pet. 3:12.
- 9 Promissory note.
- 11 "how long will it be ... they believe me," Num. 14:11.
- 12 "I thank God, whom I ...," II Tim. 1:3.
- 13 Beverage.
- 14 Timepiece.
- 16 "Thou hast put gladness in my ...," Ps. 4:7.
- 18 "Jacob shall rejoice, and ... shall be glad," Ps. 14:7.
- 19 Correct.
- 20 Civil engineer.
- 21 To droop.
- 24 Self.
- 25 "we will be glad and rejoice in his ...," Isa. 25:9.
- 29 "may rejoice in ... gladness of thy nation," Ps. 106:5.
- 30 "Receive him therefore in the ... with all gladness," Phil. 2:29.
- 31 "it ... joy to the just to do judgment," Prov. 21:15.
- 32 "joy and gladness shall be ... therein," Isa. 51:3.
- 34 "where two ... three are gathered together," Matt. 18:20.
- 35 "ye are all ... in Christ Jesus," Gal. 3:28.
- 37 Titanium.
- 38 Eye (Scot.).
- 39 "is written with a ... of iron," Jer. 17:1.
- 41 Woman who lives in a convent.
- 42 Lad (Scot.).
- 45 Jacob's seventh son, Gen. 30:11.
- 47 "I am glad therefore ... your behalf," Rom. 16:19.
- 48 "sang praises ... gladness," II Chron. 29:30.
- 50 "there was very great ...," Neh. 8:17.
- 53 "he planteth an ...," Isa. 44:14.
- 54 "obtain ... and gladness," Isa. 35:10.
- 55 "Blessed are the dead which ... in

the Lord," Rev. 14:13.  
Our text is 12, 29, 30, 48 and 50 combined.

## DOWN

- 1 "keep the ... with gladness," Neh. 12:27.
- 2 "shall the Sun of righteousness ...," Mal. 4:2.
- 3 "Thou crownest the ... with thy goodness," Ps. 65:11.
- 4 Civil service.
- 5 Old English.
- 6 Married woman.
- 7 Number of Psalm beginning, "Hear me when I call, O God."
- 8 Nehemiah.
- 9 By.
- 10 "let the ... be glad and sing," Ps. 67:4.
- 13 "And gladness is ... away," Isa. 16:10.
- 15 Sixth note in scale.
- 17 Ex officio.
- 21 A Simeonite, Num. 25:14.
- 22 Expiated.
- 23 "and ... me with gladness," Ps. 30:11.
- 25 "... and gladness are in his place," I Chron. 16:27.
- 26 "said I, ... Lord God," Jer. 1:6.
- 27 "... their nets, and followed him," Matt. 4:20.
- 28 Natural power.
- 31 Wrath.
- 33 "anointed thee with the ... of gladness," Ps. 45:7.
- 34 "... not the gate for gladness," Acts 12:14.
- 36 Greek letter.
- 40 "Make a joyful ... unto the Lord," Ps. 100:1.
- 43 Confederate.
- 44 Electrified particle.
- 46 Same as 26 down.
- 48 West Australia.
- 49 "Light ... sown for the righteous, and gladness," Ps. 97:11.
- 50 "glad when they said unto me, Let us ...," Ps. 122:1.
- 51 "I delight to ... thy will," Ps. 40:8.
- 52 Seventh note in scale.

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## Glory Roll

(These churches have exceeded their "announcements.")

Skene, Mt. Moriah (Calhoun), Indian Springs (Jones), Walnut Grove, Tupelo Calvary, Lowland (Lefflore), Improve (Marion), Blue Mountain, Louisville, Pleasant Home (Jones), Vardaman, Carrollton, New Montpelier (Clay), Horse Shoe (Holmes), Shannon (Lee), Waxhaw (Bolivar), Smithville, Woodland (Pontotoc), Osborne Creek (Prentiss), Lexington, Lewisburg, Pickens, Center (Neshoba), New Augusta, Booneville, Dundee, Inverness, Walnut, New Albany, Wallerville, Mineral Wells (DeSoto), Sessums (Oktibbeha), Spring Hill (Pontotoc), McLain, Chalylbeate, Dumas, Mispah (Rankin), Pittsboro, Senatobia, Academy (Tippah), Hurricane (Attala), Wanilla (Lawrence), Swiftwater, McAdams, Learned, Midway (Lauderdale), Cold Springs (Covington), Mt. Oral (Jones), Hopewell (Scott), Baldwin, Purvis, Sidon, Lyon.

Added this week: Sabougla (Zion), Raleigh, Harrisburg (Lee), Blue Springs (Union Co.), McCurtain's Creek (Choctaw), Providence (Yalobusha).

## Honor Roll No. 1

(These churches have obtained more than 75% of their "announcements.")

Pine Grove (Clarke), West Point, Cary (Deer Creek), Leland, Louin, Friendship (Wayne), Blythe Creek (Zion), Wesson, Mt. Carmel (Leake), Summerland (Smith), New Providence (Leake), Euclatubba (Lee), Chalylbeate, Curtis Creek (Tippah), Gaston (Alcorn), Edlin's Memorial (Newton), Faulkner, Silver Creek (Walthall), Melrose (Yazoo), Bethel (Leake), Lambert, Pochontas.

Added this week: New Salem (Carroll).

## Honor Roll No. 2

(These churches have obtained more than 50% of their "announcements.")

Corinth First, Arcola, East Salem (Greene), Clinton, Jackson First, Fulton (Itawamba), Meridian Fifteenth Avenue, Greenwood First, Holly Springs, Ripley, Grenada, Beulah (Attala), Bethany (Bolivar), Providence (Calhoun), Enterprise (Clarke), Bethesda (Lowndes), Collins, Elizabeth (Deer Creek), Providence (Grenada), Yokeba (Hinds-Warren), Sharon (Jasper), Anguilla, Sunrise (Leake), Emmanuel (Lebanon), Flora, Kilmichael, Prospect (Perry), Pontotoc First, Briar Hill (Rankin), Sardis (Smith), Woodland (Chickasaw), New Haven (Choctaw), Midway (Leake), Mt. Zion (Leake), Lawrence, Brooksville, Maben Birdie (Riverside) Florence, Edinburg, East County Line (Leake), Ingram (Lee), Bethel (Noxubee), Adatton (Oktibbeha), Como, Big Springs (Yalobusha), Glenfield (Union Co.), Mt. Pisgah (Tallahatchie), Mt. Manna (Tate), Shiloh (Winston), Burnsville, Beulah (Union Co.), New Hope (Leake), Antioch (Alcorn), Oakland (Yalobusha), Sylvarena (Yalobusha), Hebron (Yazoo), Tillatoba, Tupelo First.

Added this week: Nicholson (Pearl River), West Corinth (Alcorn), Poplar Springs (Copiah), Carthage, Duck Hill.

## Helpers' Roll

(These churches have obtained from 1% to 49% of their "announcements.")

Bear Creek (Attala), Canaan (Benton), Boyle, Bruce, Providence (Carroll), Amity (Chickasaw), Ackerman, Harmony (Clarke), Crystal Springs, Mt. Horeb (Covington), Belzoni, Hernandez, Lucedale, Biloxi First, Jackson Griffith Memorial Goodman, Bay Springs (Jasper), Calvary (Jones), Center Ridge (Kemper), Oxford First, Meridian First, Crooked Creek (Lawrence), Hattiesburg First, Bissell (Lee), Ita Bena, Fair River (Lincoln), Canton First, Slayden (Marshall), Crosby (Mississippi), Center Hill (Monroe), Bluff Springs Neshoba, Conehatta (Newton), Elim (Noxubee),

Self Creek (Oktibbeha), Batesville, Brewer (Perry), McComb First, Ecu, Steen's Creek (Rankin), Marks, Forest, Magee Lorena (Smith), Indianola, Friendship No. 2 (Tallahatchie), Coldwater, Whitten Town (Tippah), Old Ham (Tishomingo), Fayette (Union), Old Oak Grove (Union Co.), Tylertown, Ellison Ridge (Winston), Yazoo City, Mathiston (Zion), Concord (Adams-Franklin), West Corinth (Alcorn), Kosciusko First, Ashland, Cleveland, Calhoun City, Egypt (Chickasaw), Bethlehem (Choctaw), Quitman, Columbus First, Damascus (Copiah), Union Sr. (Covington), Greenville (Deer Creek), Eudora (DeSoto), Agricola (George), Leakesville, Hardy (Grenada), Gulfport First, Antioch (Hinds-Warren), Cruger, Escatawpa (Jackson), Prentiss (Jeff Davis), Ellisville, Blackwater (Kemper), Abbeville (Lafayette), Meridian Highland, Bethel (Lawrence), Friendship (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Plantersville (Lee), Morgan City, Columbia First, Byhalia, Aberdeen, Coldwater, Newton, Macon, Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha), Starkville, Sardis, Beaumont (Perry), Summit, Algoma, Brandon, Clarksdale First, Drew, Friendship No. 1 (Tallahatchie), Fellowship (Tippah), Belmont, Zion Hill (Union county), Mt. Carmel (Winston), Coffeeville, Anding (Yazoo), Cumberland (Zion), Lucien, Hinkle Creek (Alcorn), Flat Rock (Benton), Duncan, College Hill (Calhoun), Houlika, Beulah (Choctaw), Shubuta, Gallman, Mt. Olive (Covington), Hollandale, Shady Grove (George), Biloxi Second, Edwards, Durant, Pascagoula First, Montrose (Jasper), Bassfield (Jeff Davis), Fairfield (Jones), Clear Creek (Lafayette), Daleville (Lauderdale), Monticello (Lawrence), Glendale (Lebanon), Sattillo, Schlatter, Brookhaven, Columbia East, Potts Camp, Liberty, Amory, Oak Grove (Neshoba), Beulah (Newton), Shuqualak (Noxubee), Courtland, Corinth (Pearl River), Naville (Pike), Cherry Creek (Pontotoc), Antioch (Rankin), Darling (Riverside), Mendenhall, Fairview (Sunflower), Charleston, Tyro (Tate), Mt. Olive (Tippah), Fairview Tishomingo, Union Church, Concord (Winston), Elam (Yalobusha), Black Jack (Yazoo), Eupora, New Salem (Adams-Franklin), Kossuth, Sallis, Hickory Flat, Merigold, Derma, Vaiden, Houston, Blythe Creek (Choctaw), Stonewall (Clarke), Pheba, Georgetown, Salem (Covington), Rolling Fork, Pleasant Hill (DeSoto), Rocky Creek (George), Holcomb (Grenada), Bay St. Louis, Jackson Calvary, Tchula, East Moss Point (Jackson), Laurel First, DeKalb, Yellow Leaf (Lafayette), Goodwater (Lauderdale), Calvary (Lawrence), New Zion (Leake), Hattiesburg Main Street, Oak Grove (Lee), Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln), Galilee (Mississippi), New Prospect (Monroe), Linwood (Neshoba), Clarke-Venable (Newton), Crenshaw (Panola), Picayune, Bogue Chitto (Pike), Oak Grove (Scott), Sylvarena (Smith), Ruleville, Bethany (Tallahatchie), Harmony (Tippah), Sardis (Winston), Bentonla, Mantee, Natchez First, Rienzi, Rosedale, Rocky Mount (Calhoun), Van Vleet, Chester (Choctaw), Union (Clarke), Siloam (Clay), Hazlehurst, Seminary (Covington), Lake Cormorant, Pine Level (Greene), Pass Christian, Jackson Southside, West Moss Point, Laurel Second, Scooba, Union West (Lafayette), Meridian 41st Avenue, Newhebron, Madden (Leake), Perkinson, Sherman, Riverside Money, Becker (Monroe), Bethlehem (Montgomery), Philadelphia First, Hickory, Concord (Noxubee), Sturgis, Good Hope (Panola), Richton, Silver Creek, (Pike), Toxish (Pontotoc), Thrasher, Liberty (Rankin), Hollywood (Riverside), Lake, Brakton, New Home (Smith), Moorhead, Paynes (Tallahatchie), New Hope (Tate), Providence (Tippah), New Harmony (Union county), Calvary (Winston), Center Ridge (Yazoo), Harmony (Zion), Kosciusko Second, Beulah (Bolivar), Midway (Calhoun), Okolona, Clear Springs (Choctaw), Davis Memorial Jackson, Oveti, Taylor, Russell (Lauderdale), Oakvale (Lawrence), Salem (Leake), 38th Avenue Hattiesburg, Verona, Mt. Pleasant (Marshall), Union, Vernon (Noxubee), Liberty Hill (Panola), Brewer (Perry), Toccopola, Puckett (Rankin), Jones-town, Springfield (Scott), Taylorsville, New Hope (Sunflower), Cascilla, Pleasant Hill (Tippah), Ingomar, Good Hope (Winston), Concord (Yazoo), Fellowship (Zion), Meadville, Morrison Chapel (Ezra), Spring Creek (Calhoun), Corcord

(Choctaw), Sardis (Copiah), Jackson, Northside, Montrose (Jasper), Laurel, West, Oak Grove (Lauderdale), Oma (Lawrence), Standing Pine (Leake), Hattiesburg, River Avenue, Pleasant Valley (Lee), New Sight (Lincoln), Hathorn (Marion), Ft. Adams (Mississippi), Longtown (Panola), Longview (Pontotoc), Mt. Pisgah (Rankin), Lula, Lorena (Scott), Wilkinson Memorial (Smith), Sunflower, Philipp, Pleasant Ridge (Tippah), Poplar Flat (Winston), Water Valley, Rocky Springs (Yazoo), Pilgrim's Rest (Zion).

Added this week: Hopewell (Adams-Franklin), Providence (Bolivar), Slate Springs (Calhoun), Ebenezer (Choctaw), Shady Grove (Copiah), Raymond, Tchula, Pine Grove (Jones), Liberty (Lauderdale), Topeka (Lawrence), Thomastown (Leake), Wiggins, Mission Hill (Lincoln), Peach Creek (Panola), Magnolia, Oak Dale (Rankin), Tunica, Holly Ridge (Sunflower), Webb, Clear Springs (Yalobusha), Tomnolen.

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## Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 11.

1. (Government call for more men): Read Joel 3:9, 10, 11, "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men," etc.

2. ("the wilderness of Judaea"): The Israelites, looking from "Mount Pisgah" towards Jeshimon (Num. 21:20), saw what they termed "the wilderness of Judaea," Jeshimon meaning in the Hebrew, desolation, etc.

3. (Name of "city set on a hill"): It is said that Jesus referred to the small city of Safed, twenty-seven hundred feet above the Mediterranean sea and could be seen from many parts of Galilee.

4. (1st, 2nd and 3rd Isaiah): Chapters 1 to 39, called 1st Isaiah, contained Isaiah's prophecy pertaining to the four kings who reigned in the eighth century B. C., chapters 1 to 39. 2nd Isaiah, chapters 40 to 55, referred to the continuance of the exile in Babylon; and 3rd Isaiah, chapters 56 to 66, covered the rebuilding of the temple after the exiles had returned to Palestine.

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### FUNERAL SERMON OF MR. JEFF KENT

By B. W. Walker, Former Pastor

A great tree has fallen. It did not fall because the roots had decayed, the limbs lopped off or because it had ceased to bear fruit. It fell because the great Architect saw fit to move it to the Paradise of God. This tree fell right because it grew right and leaned right: Surely this is virgin timber. Truly this is a cedar of Lebanon. It will take the storms of many winters, the warmth of many summers and the sustaining grace of God before we shall see grown in this community Christian characters that tower high enough to look down on men like Judge Jeff Kent and Mr. Sam Lackey.

I believe that the hour of nine on Thursday night, Feb. 3, was an hour of great rejoicing. I know there was rejoicing in the Father's house because a faithful, travel-worn pilgrim had come home. Then I think the devil rejoiced because Judge Kent had given the devil a lot of trouble. I think the devil would sometimes say that a man could not have a good time without being dirty—and then God would say, "Have you considered my servant, Jeff Kent?" The first time I met Judge Kent was on a hunting trip. I think he had the best time of any one there. Yet he never drank, he never told a dirty joke, he never cursed. No one cursed, or drank or told smutty jokes in his presence. They had too much respect for the man.

Then I think the devil would sometimes say that all men with means use their means selfishly and then God would say, "Have you considered my servant, Jeff Kent?" And may I say again that I doubt if any individual in Mississippi has given more wisely and more generously to support God's work than Judge Kent; there is no way of us knowing all he did. There is no record down here of much that he did and as yet none of us has access to the records on high. His greatest investment was in young men and women that God had called into his harvest. I feel safe in saying that no man has invested as much in young, struggling preachers as he did. On more than one occasion the doors of Clarke College would have been closed had it not been for his financial and moral support.

Then I think the devil would sometimes say that a man cannot be a good lawyer and a good Christian, and then the Lord would say, "Have you considered my servant, Jeff Kent?" In his office a notebook was found in which he had evaluated all life's hopes and possessions. This was the order: God first; "Hun" second and all other things thereafter.

Then I think the devil would sometimes say that there is no such thing as true love and then God would say, "Have you considered my servants, the Kents?" Surely this was one of the most devoted couples any of us have ever seen. I firmly believe that this marriage which was solemnized on earth was confirmed in heaven. Surely their lives were one in profession and practice.

A study of Judge Kent's life from any standpoint would be interesting. He was

## PACKING RUSSIAN KITS AT BELZONI



From left to right, front row: Mrs. Ross Young, Mrs. S. J. Speed, Mrs. Paul Townsend, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Molpus, Mrs. Arthur Mortimer. Back row, from left to right: Mrs. N. W. Sumrall, Dr. C. A. Molpus, Mrs. C. B. Box, Mrs. Homer Alexander, Mrs. John F. Bridges, Mrs. Allen Pepper.

a good man, a successful lawyer, an honored citizen, and a beloved Christian character. I choose to speak rather of his Christian life.

He was certainly a pillar in the Lord's work. He was a man of deep conviction. He would vote his conviction in any matter pertaining to the Lord's work even though his was the only voice that was raised. He never did this to be odd or peculiar, but because it was a deep conviction of his. On more than one occasion I have seen him in the majority. He never gloated over it, and on the other hand, I have seen him in the minority and he was never sore about it. He was a man that could lose a single engagement and yet win the battle.

He was one of the most faithful church members I have ever known. He was interested in every phase of the church life. There was no Training Union when he was a young man and first became interested in the Lord's work. But when he saw the good that others derived from the Training Union, he became an active member. He was always present at Sunday school and took an active part in it. On very few occasions do I recall that he was ever absent from his place in the regular church services.

He was certainly the preacher's friend. Any preacher that has missed the privilege of staying in the Kent home has missed one of the greatest treats that a preacher ever enjoys. The room in which he passed away was dedicated to the ministers of this state.

He was a man of earnest and fervent prayer. I never saw him sit down to a meal or partake of a sandwich or drink on a hunting trip but that first prayer was offered to the Lord.

He was a man of deep understanding and sympathy. He was greatly concerned about the lost and desired that they know the Lord as he knew Him. He was also concerned about those who had lost the joy of their salvation. The lost and backslidden of this town have lost in the passing of Judge Kent one of the best friends they have ever had.

He took a long range view of the Lord's work. Therefore, he saw fit to invest his means in young men and young women whose lives had been dedicated to the service of the Lord. They are scattered throughout the Southland and the influence of this man in their lives will continue to go on and on until the Lord comes again.

He died sweetly as any man could have. Those who were in the room were scarcely conscious of his passing. Truly he went to sleep. It is the belief and hope of us all that he passed on from his labors here to his reward over there.

Surely, upon his arrival the Lord must have said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter into the joys of thy Lord."

Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, celebrated the week of January 16-23 as the pastor's eighth anniversary week. Dr. V. E. Boston is the pastor. His Mississippi friends will remember him as pastor at Clarksdale. During his eight years' pastorate at Temple the church membership has grown from 1,973 to 2,816. There have been a total of 1,962 additions—707 by baptism. The annual budget has gone from \$21,500.96 to \$33,300.40. Similar growth has been shown by the W. M. U., Sunday school, and Training Union.

"Prayer—Asking and Receiving" by John R. Rice and published by the Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois, is a book of 328 pages selling for \$1.25. Here is clear fundamental Bible teaching on prayer. Here are many blessed examples of answer to prayer told in fervent and lucid style by one who knows and can prove that prayer really changes things, that God supplies money, jobs, healing and revivals, and saves souls in answer to Spirit-taught scriptural prayer.

The March issue of The Baptist Student contains a very interesting article entitled, "The Lady of Blissful Vista." The lady referred to is Mrs. Herman Dean of Jackson, and the author is Miss Mary Nance Daniel.

Mrs. Henry E. Love, wife of the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, writes in the March issue of the Baptist Student on "BSU Business College Style." Parents having a son or daughter in business college should read this exceedingly interesting article.

Leakesville Baptist Church and the entire community feel very fortunate in having for its new pastor, former evangelist Rev. M. E. (Otis) Perry of Hattiesburg. This pastor and his fine family moved here recently and are being cordially welcomed by all. Plans are under way for redecorating and beautifying the church and pastory. New members are added at almost every service.—Reporter.

Carl E. Talbert, native of Meridian, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of Buchanan, Virginia, and has moved to that church from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Longview Baptist Church work goes forward under leadership of its new pastor, C. E. Snowden. The church went from fourth to half time at the beginning of the year. The offerings are good and interest is growing.—Reporter.

Sunday, February 27, there were five additions to the Crowder Baptist church. Beginning March 6 and continuing through March 11th, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey will assist in a B. T. U. Study Course in our church. Rev. Bailey is a Mississippi boy whose work is now at Dyer, Tenn. Beginning March 12, the Rev. J. D. Walker of Calhoun City, Mississippi, will assist the pastor in a series of evangelistic services. We desire the prayers of the brethren as we labor for the Master.—L. T. Shelton, pastor.

B. T. U. Study Course at First church, Laurel—We had four great days together, Feb. 21, 22, 23 and 24, with an average attendance of 102 for the training course. One hundred and one took the examination on Thursday night and we praise God for this. How thankful we are that Dr. W. E. Greene, enlistment pastor; Miss Sara Wallis, State Training Union department; Miss Dorothy Wallace, Highland Baptist, Meridian, and Miss Elizabeth Finch, Jones County Junior College, were able to be with us.—Jimmie Todd.

Hardy: Two new Sunday school rooms have been completed and were used Sunday, Feb. 27, for the first time.—Mrs. T. W. Goodwin.

Among the recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Rev. Paul D. Boothe, Port Gibson; Rev. H. A. Milner, Star; Dr. W. A. Roper, Meridian; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith Harperville, and Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Forest.

"Gen'eman of De South," \$1.50, author: Anna Walker Robinson, published by the Broadman Press. This is a story of the old-time Negro and his old-time faith picturing the Southern Negro of Civil War days and before. It concerns itself chiefly with a little black crippled boy, the son of the head servants in the Adams' household, and the son of the Adams family whose birthday was the same as that of of the colored boy. Negro wisdom and philosophy are aptly used in portraying the real spirit of the old-time Southern Negro and the relation that should obtain between the white and colored peoples. Both white and colored people will be interested in reading this volume. The author writes of what she knows either by personal experience or by the intimate folk-lore of her forebears. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

"Junior Leadership Manual" by Ina S. Lambdin and published by the Broadman Press is a splendid book designed for adult workers in the Junior department of the Training Union. Very helpful plans for carrying out every phase of Junior Union work are combined with a study of the Junior child and detailed helps for the teacher. This book is not only teachable but inspirational and will enable leaders to be more efficient in their work. It sells for 60c cloth binding and 40c paper binding. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

According to the March issue of the Sunday School Builder the George County Association had Vacation Bible schools equalling or surpassing the number of churches in that association. The only other states having one or more associations to do likewise were: Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.